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Bridge on the Roof of the World Symbol of the old and new Tibet, a 928.85 meters bridge, carries the newly-opened Qinghai – Tibet Railway, under the Potala in Lhasa.

Fakers find express mail gets the goods out

By Chu Meng

China Post Office's Express Mail System (EMS), which offers express carrier and package delivery services, is being used by counterfeiters as an easy way to send fake goods made in China abroad.

He Pei, from the Beijing Exporting Mail Postal Administration, part of China Post Office, confirmed yesterday morning that "All illegal EMS services from Beijing Southern Post Office have now been shut

down. Members of staff involved have been suspended pending an investigation."

He said Southern Post Office was one of four lower level post offices – the others are the Eastern, Western and Haidian Post Offices – under the administration. The Southern Office is exclusively in charge of China Post (Beijing) Office's EMS services.

An online sneaker shop owner who goes by the nickname 'Happy Pig' is a long-term user of EMS services, "I

have been selling fake Nike and Adidas sneakers online to customers abroad for three years. EMS is the only safe way to ship to my foreign customers."

He explained that he received online orders from America, Canada, Italy, Germany, Britain and Japan, and would then buy the requested goods from Silk Street Market and Hong Qiao Market. He would then contact Zhou Daren, a staff member at the Southern Post Office in charge of transacting international EMS appli-

cations. "The profits are double what traders at the street markets make, even taking the international EMS shipping fees into account. Take a pair of Nike shoes for example. They cost about 100 yuan for me to buy, then the EMS fee is 315 yuan. But Zhou cut it down to 150, 50 percent off, for long-term customers like me. Besides, foreign buyers pay the fees. Southern Post Office is the only post office in Beijing that cooperates with people selling fake goods."

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Man dies after fake ambulance delays emergency care

By Qiu Jiaoning

Wang Yuanlu, a 74-year-old man died in hospital after he was hit by a motorcycle and was eventually taken there without adequate emergency facilities by a fake ambulance.

Wang was injured in the motorcycle accident in Shunyi District of Beijing on Tuesday evening. An ambulance was called on 120, the number of the Beijing Emergency Medical Center (BEMC). Two similar looking vehicles arrived in quick succession. Wang was taken by the

first ambulance to Beijing Zhong'ao Brain Disease Hospital (Zhong'ao), located 24 kilometers away from the scene of the accident, despite two better equipped hospitals being much closer.

Wang Shicai, the son of the dead man, said that he asked for his father to be transferred elsewhere when he found the hospital's treatment was not satisfactory. The hospital refused to allow the ambulance that had just brought the elder Wang still parked at its entrance, to transfer him. A doctor told him

to dial 120 again for another ambulance.

Eventually, the old man was transferred to Shunyi Hospital, 20 kilometers from the scene of the accident. Mr Wang died after some 30 minutes' emergency treatment at Shunyi Hospital. By now it was more than three hours after the accident. The death certificate issued by Shunyi Hospital said Wang died of a ruptured liver, brain trauma, and hemorrhagic shock. According to Wang Shicai, doctors in Shunyi Hospital said there was every probability that

his father would not have died if he could have received prompt medical care.

An official from BEMC told the *Beijing News* that calls to 120 are not being intercepted. But BEMC did admit that Zhong'ao borrowed an ambulance from the center one year ago. The center will now take back the ambulance as its use is against regulations. Zhong'ao closed down its emergency room on Wednesday.

Mr Wang's body has been taken away by authorities for further investigation.

Beijing expats' views wanted at Olympic Games forum

By Jackie Zhang

Beijing Municipal Government is inviting foreigners living in Beijing to come and take part in the first Olympic Games City Audience Survey Colloquium, where they can give suggestions for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

The colloquium will be held this Sunday at the offices of Horizon Research in Chaoyang. The aim is to find out more about what the target audience wants to see at the upcoming sporting spectacular.

Foreigners living in Beijing, particularly those who have been in the crowd or competed at major sporting events, are interested in watching the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, and those who can speak Chinese are being asked to sign up for the colloquium.

You can find more details and sign up either online at www.ebeijing.gov.cn or by calling 010-65599662 before half past five today.

Weathermen warn of soaring temperatures

By Fan Ruohong

Beijing's Meteorological Bureau has released its first high temperature warning and is predicting hotter weather to come.

On Sunday, temperatures in the city hit 38°C and the surfaces of roads got up to 50°C. Bureau chiefs are warning residents to prepare for increasingly high temperatures as Beijing's hottest season approaches.

"Sauna weather" is not yet upon us but it won't be long before humidity increases with the temperature," said an expert from the bureau.

Humidity levels of over 60 percent are termed 'sauna weather' by the bureau. It is predicted that humidity levels will increase next month. Temperatures are expected to drop over the weekend but will hit another high on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The next seven days will see average temperatures of 28°C to 35°C.

First strays sterilized

By Han Manman

The drive to cut the number of strays on the city's streets got under way this week with the first group of abandoned cats given the snip.

Six cats were sterilized at the Beijing Zoo Western Animal Hospital on Sunday, the first group of nearly 100 cats from Beijing's Animal Protection Association (BAPA) to be sterilized.

Hospital volunteer Wang Dongmei said cats make up the majority of strays that prowl the city's streets, most of them abandoned by their owners.

"The cats breed and there are now so many that it's becoming a problem," he said. "Our priority is to sterilize the cats and find homes for them as soon as possible."

Chinese collector gets hands on British royal jewels

By Han Manman

A wealthy Chinese collector has come a step closer to British royalty after forking out over US\$ 1.6 million on the late Princess Margaret's jewel encrusted tiara.

The unidentified woman bought the crown and around US\$ 1 million of art deco pieces at a London auction last week.

More than 800 pieces of jewelry, furniture and other possessions of the late princess, (who died in 2002, aged 72,) including her wedding-day tiara that was put on sale.

Although the tiara was not part of the Crown Jewels or the Royal Collection, it is the first time that private jewelry belonging to the sister of a reigning British monarch has been put on sale.

The items are being sold by the princess's children, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Chatto. The money raised, expected to be in the region of around US\$6.5 million, will be used to help pay off inheritance taxes on the queen's sister's estate, according to the Press Association.

The Poltimore Tiara, which was made by Garrards in 1870 for Lady Poltimore, the wife of the second Baron Poltimore, was estimated to be worth between US\$400,000 and US\$500,000.

"It's by far the most important royal auction we've ever had and we will probably never see it again in our lifetime," said Rhannon Bevan-John from auction house Christies.



Stephen Hawking giving speech at Beijing University.

Photo by Wang Jianing

Spotlight on black hole discoverer

By Wang Xiaoyuan

World famous scientist Stephen Hawking's presence at the International Conference on String Theory 2006 caused a storm in Beijing this week.

At the opening ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People on Monday there were chaotic scenes as Hawking prepared to speak. Qiu Chengtong, the conference chairman, had to shout to the crowd a number of times to prevent the audience using their camera flashes, which would effect Hawking's speech synthesizer.

By the assistance of a small

portable computer and the speech synthesizer fitted to his wheel chair, Hawking 'spoke' by moving his left eye with a sensor under his spectacles, the sensor then transferred this movement to a mouse pointer in the computer, which spelt out the words. He can speak 15 words a minute, so it took about 15 minutes for Hawking to answer a simple question.

Because of Hawking's deteriorating health, this will probably be his last visit to China. Many of the members of the audience had come especially to

Beijing to see the great man in the flesh. Those lucky enough, managed to take photos with the famed scientist. "I came this morning to see him and I have to go back to Qingdao as I have an examination tomorrow," said one student.

The 64-year-old Hawking described himself as "...optimistic, romantic and obstinate." He said, "Though my body is not free, my mind can fly through black holes, time and space." When asked what he liked best about China he answered "the Chinese culture, food and pretty women."

Final curtain for famous opera street as bulldozers move in

By Wang Xiaoyuan

A market famed for its Peking Opera costume shops and a favorite spot for actors, collectors and tourists will be bulldozed next month.

West Caoshi Street will be flattened along with large swathes of the historic Qianmen area, which sits just south of Tian'anmen Square, as part of the city's frantic redevelopment in the run up to the 2008 Olympic Games.

There are currently over 20

costume shops in the street, which used to be West Caoshi Hutong. Almost one third of the shops have already been forced to close. Those that remain open are slashing prices in a desperate bid to shift their stock before the bulldozers move in.

"The bigger shops have all found new locations in Tianqiao, but small dealers like us can't afford the rent there. So many of us will just have to close," said Xu Xing, who owns a shop selling Peking opera costumes

and minority dancing dresses.

West Caoshi Street has weathered all number of developments over the last 80 years, its store owners continuing to design, make and sell opera costumes as trends and tastes have changed.

Before the 1920s, the street was home to firewood sellers. But they switched trades as the Tianqiao opera shows increased in popularity and they started making costumes instead. Four major producers, Jiuchun, Sans-

hun, Deguang and Shuangxing, used to have stores in the street, making costumes for famous opera troupes during the Qing Dynasty.

The whole Qianmen area is set to be levelled. From Da Shila to Zhushi Kou, all stores are cutting their prices as they prepare to relocate. Most of the shops sell groceries, traditional porcelain and hairdressing accessories. Residents there also have to be relocated. "I assume that the place will be changed forever," said Xu.

All aviation eyes on resignation test case

By Qiu Jiaoning

Aviation bosses are facing sleepless nights as they scramble to resolve a dispute with hunger-striking pilots that could create a pilot shortage crisis within state-run airlines.

China Eastern Airlines (CEA) has moved to resolve the resignation dispute with six of their pilots after the drama unfolded like a high stakes poker game.

The six pilots from CEA's Shandong branch submitted their resignation papers to the state airline with the intention

of securing more lucrative contracts in the private Chinese airline sector. However, facing profit losses and a potential 'Pandora's Box' precedent of pilots fleeing to the private sector, CEA refused to accept the resignation papers.

When CEA demanded six million yuan in compensation from the pilots to leave the airline, thereby preventing them from securing new contracts, the pilots responded by going on a five-day hunger strike.

Three of the pilots put their

case to Shandong Provincial Working Arbitration Committee and another pilot has filed a lawsuit at a local court to secure his resignation.

CEA finally agreed to settle the dispute with the pilots through negotiations after the pilots ended their hunger strike. The pilots will go to CEA's headquarters in Shanghai for further talks, and both sides hope to achieve a mutually beneficial solution, CEA said on Wednesday.

This case reveals an acute shortage of pilots in China as the

country's booming commercial aviation industry expands more rapidly than the country can train pilots, experts said. According to China's General Administration of Civil Aviation, there will be a potential shortfall of 7,000 pilots by the end of 2010.

Boeing estimates that China will need more than 2,400 new passenger and freight aircraft over the next two decades. It will need 55,000 pilots to fly them in the next 20 years. However, qualified captains are in short supply in the short term.

Six arrested in ICAC probe into insurance fraud

By Chen Shasha

The ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) in Hong Kong recently arrested six people in connection with fraudulent insurance claims for staged labor injuries and traffic accidents.

By recruiting poor people and blinding them in one eye, the six defendants and their 16 partners had defrauded eight million yuan from 12 insurance companies in two years.

The group of alleged fraudsters, including six officials from insurance companies and one optometrist, began their scam in 2003. With Hong Kong identification cards bought from Hong Kong residents for 500 to 1,500 yuan each, they successfully got insurance ranging from 300,000 to three million yuan from different companies. Then, they went to the Chinese mainland to recruit poor people who were prepared to have an eye permanently injured to get the insurance money. The optometrist performed operations on the poor people and blinded them in one eye before taking them to Hong Kong on the tourist visa. After arriving, the

injured people would get the identification cards to ask for compensation from the insurance companies, claiming they had an accident. "With the help of a registered doctor, the criminals successfully got certificates to prove that the injured people picked up serious accidents when they came to the Chinese mainland," said Wu Bingguo, chief crime investigator from ICAC.

From 2003 to 2005, four people suffered permanent blindness in one eye, but only two received compensation. The other two successfully applied for four million yuan from the insurance company but only got 200,000 yuan payment. The fraudsters are alleged to have taken the rest of the money.

By June 14, all the criminals, including 16 males and six females, aged from 27 to 67, had been arrested by the ICAC, but the eight million yuan of defrauded money has not been recovered yet. They face a total of four counts of conspiracy to defraud. It is the largest and most cruel fraudulent insurance crime in Hong Kong in recent years, according to officials.



Another step towards a 'Green Olympics'

Passengers on one of the three new battery-powered buses operating between the Summer Palace and Wudaokou. Xinhua Photo

Achieving the dream of 'Heaven Road' walking

By Han Manman

Hundreds of international walkers are expected to attend 'The First Namtso International Walking Convention on Tibet' in the Namtso region of Dangxiong County, Lhasa, from August 5 to August 11.

Organizers of the event China Volkssport Association (CVA)

announced that the CVA Great Walk convention is being launched in tandem with the upcoming Beijing Olympic Games.

There will be a Tibetan-style send off for the walkers, and Tibetan culture programs will be held to allow the participants experience folk-culture heritage.

24-hour gallery street open to the public

By Chen Shasha

Beijing's first 24-hour gallery street, Guanyintang Art Avenue, Wang Siying, Chaoyang District, opened on Sunday, with 44 galleries from China and abroad.

Construction began in March last year at a cost of nearly 70 million yuan. The length of the street is over 1,000 meters,

with galleries in different styles. Unlike the 798 Factory, the Guanyintang Art Avenue focuses on highbrow art.

There is an exhibition of talented young Chinese artists in the Dongfangyuanxiang Gallery from now until mid-July, some of the artists had their works sell well in galleries abroad.

Final preparations for railway in the clouds

By Qiu Jiaoning

The construction of the terminus of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway - Lhasa Station - is now complete, and passenger trains for the line are fully equipped and ready to begin trial operations on July 1.

The first five trains will depart from Beijing, Chengdu, Xining, Shanghai and Guangzhou, according to Mao Baoheng, deputy general manager of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Company. Trains bound for Tibet will depart daily from Beijing, Chengdu and Xining. There will be trains leaving from Shanghai and Guangzhou every other day.

While ticket prices for the luxury tourist trains are to be dic-

tated by the market, there will be fixed prices for regular trains. Jiang Weiping, an official with the Ministry of Railways, estimated that a hard seat ticket from Beijing to Lhasa will be sold at 380 yuan, a 'hard sleeper' ticket will cost 776 yuan, and a 'soft sleeper' ticket will cost 1,241 yuan.

There has been frenetic interest in tickets shown by would-be passengers, and the first trains are already sold out. According to the Qinghai Tourism Bureau, Tibet currently receives 1,000 to 2,000 tourists every day, and they estimate the Qinghai-Tibet railway will transport an additional 4,000 tourists to Tibet each day after it opens.

Basketball competition: it could be Yao!

By Jackie Zhang

A nationwide basketball competition will see 10 lucky children jetting off to watch the NBA All Star Game in Las Vegas, Nevada, in February next year.

The China Children NBA Skill Challenge Competition started last weekend. Allan Houston, a famous former NBA player with the New York Knicks, was invited to the opening ceremony as an 'image ambassador'. He gave lessons and helped the children develop basketball skills.

The event is being held by the NBA and China Middle School Students' Sports Association, and is sponsored by Amway China. It will last till October 7 and visit 15 cities around China, bring basketball playing skills and knowledge to children between five and 12, as well as their parents.

Children between five and 12 can sign up for the competition for free on line at <http://china.nba.com/jrnba.shtml> or at any Amway stores in their cities. They can also sign up at the events.

Each city has 1,600 quotas for children to take part in the competition, and the top five children of every city will be selected to take part in the training camp and the final competition. The 80 selected children will receive professional training and guidance from NBA basketball professionals.

Brief news

New bird flu case

A new H5N1 bird flue case in poultry in Zhangzi County, northwest Shanxi Province has been confirmed this week, according to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Compulsory insurance rates for vehicles fixed

China Insurance Regulatory Commission announced this week that there will be compulsory insurance rates for vehicles across the country, with a rate of 1,050 yuan (US\$130) for vehicles for family use with less than six seats.

58,000 drug dealer suspects detained

The police solved 45,000 drug cases and caught 58,000 suspects last year, according to the National Narcotics Control Commission.

Website to help terminally ill children

Chinese Red Cross Foundation launched a website this week - www.99et.org, to bid for and offer financial help to children suffering from leukemia, myasthenia gravis, and congenital heart disease.

Dozens of billions spent in May

Beijing residents spent over 27 billion yuan (US\$3.4 billion) this May, hitting the second highest record this year, according to a joint report issued last week by the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics. (By Jjiang Xubo)



Beijing to ensure air quality for 2008 Games

Beijing, June 21 (GamesBids.com) – Beijing is working out a scheme of ensuring air quality during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. Plans include containing the volume of traffic, suspending construction, and joining with surrounding regions to reduce pollution.

Officials from the Beijing People's Congress who recently inspected the city's air and water pollution prevention and rectification work said Beijing will follow the direction of the State Environmental Protection Administration and cooperate with surrounding provinces and cities to jointly study and formulate the "scheme of ensuring air quality during the Olympics".

During the Games Beijing will focus on controlling pollutant emissions from automobiles, coal burning, key enterprises, construction sites, gas stations and the catering industry.

There will be measures taken to contain traffic volume, suspend construction and spray-painting, and settings for petrol fumes will be cleansed or replaced.

Meanwhile large areas of Qianmen - an area on the southern edge of the square associated since the 17th century with shops, restaurants, brothels and other forms of entertainment - have been demolished in recent weeks.

The *Telegraph* reports the timetable is tight because the work must be completed by the end of December and all construction finished by the end of 2007 ahead of the 2008 Games. Still, many people are resisting orders to leave the area.

Qianmen, or Front Gate, was one of 25 quarters of Beijing designated as historic areas in 2002.

Residents are being given compensation to move out quietly as well as a bonus for signing an early agreement.

Interview with the editor:

Though many reports, including those on GamesBids.com, are concerned with problems and difficulties, in fact, most people in the West are convinced that Beijing will be able to do a great job of holding the Games.

If there are any concerns, it would be that Beijing does too much, spends too much and is setting the bar too high for future Olympics.

To the organizing committee, I'm personally confident that Beijing will do what it takes to organize an excellent Games.

– Rob Livingstone, chief editor, GamesBids.com



China to run train to collect garbage

Beijing, June 19 (PTI) – Chinese railways will run a weekly special train to collect garbage along the Qinghai-Tibet railway every week to protect the sensitive plateau environment in the Himalayan region.

Other measures have also been set in place to protect Hoh Xil, a nature reserve for endangered Tibetan antelopes. The reserve is under threat from the 1,142-kilometre railway which begins trial operation on July 1, the state media said.

"Waste water discharge is banned along the railway," senior engineer with the environment control and labour sanitation institute of the Academy of Railway Sciences, Liu Xinduo, said.

Currently, disposing facilities have been built at 15 sites along the railway to treat waste water through means of bio-chemistry,

electrochemistry and oxidation.

The carriages are equipped with garbage collecting systems, which can compact refuse, said Ma Baocheng, deputy general manager of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Company.

"All the garbage collected in train cars will be carried to Golmud or Lhasa for disposal," he said in Lhasa, Tibet's capital.

"We have installed vacuum equipment to gather excrement in toilets and special facilities for gathering all kinds of waste on the train," Ma said.

Ma said his company has designated a special protection belt along the railway to reduce the contamination of the environment to a minimum.

China began constructing the Qinghai-Tibet railway in 2001 with cost of 26.2 billion yuan (US\$3.16 billion).

Interview with the reporter:

It's a serious topic, as none of us wants to see the pollution on the sacred Tibetan Plateau.

It's a permanent dilemma between development and environment protection. What we can do is to minimize the gap.

A garbage train might not be an ideal and sustainable way to handle the problem. But it's a good start.

More importantly, passen-

gers need to be more conscious of the environment.

Another suggestion is to set aside part of the profits from the railway for environment protection along the line. A cleaner railway will enable you to make more profit.

– Anil Joseph, PTI, Beijing



China's entrance exam further stacks the deck for college seats

Beijing, June 20 (Los Angeles Times) – Yao Yao, 18, emerged from her college entrance exam at Beijing No. 55 Middle School tired but relieved it was finally over. She had done what she could. In a few weeks, a website will reveal a single three-digit score that will determine her future.

The odds are high for Yao and the other 8.8 million high school students who pored over Chinese, math, science, art and English questions in quiet halls around the nation this month. China has only 2.6 million university seats for them.

Nor is this a forgiving process. Chinese college admissions officers don't look at your high school grades, personal interviews, recommendations or essays in making their decisions. They don't make allowances if you don't test well. They won't even cut you slack if your mother died the day before. Everything, countless years of sacrifice and hard work, boils down to this one test. Those who perform miserably have to wait another year to take the exam.



(AP Photo)

"I don't think it's fair," said Yao, wearing eyeglasses, a white T-shirt and a jacket wrapped around her waist. "As a Chinese saying goes, 'The winner becomes the king, the loser becomes the bandit.'"

Reformers have proposed alternatives over the years, arguing that the exam and the education system have too much emphasis on rote memorization, in effect grinding creativity and individuality out of young minds. They also fret over the years of stress that young Chinese must endure in this giant game of elimination.

(Mark Magnier)

Interview with the reporter:

The reason I wrote this report is because education is an important topic in every country.

Many Americans know that the education system in Asia is different from that in the US. But they want to know in detail.

In the US, we evaluate a student's qualification for university education on his/her comprehensive quality.

But if we simply transfer this system to China, the selection will be a 'mission impossible' as China has over eight million candidate students each year.

So, we have to find some other ways to perfect the existing system. Fortunately, private universities and vocational schools are emerging in China.

– Mark Magnier, Los Angeles Times, Beijing

Gastronomic Michelin Delights

Hotel Kunlun, in partnership with the famed Le Cordon Bleu®, is proud to announce a fabulously gastronomic French Food Promotion from 7 to 21 July 2006.

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Baosteel agrees to 19 percent iron ore price increase

Beijing, June 20 (Bloomberg) – Baosteel Group Corp., which represents China's steelmakers in negotiations with iron ore suppliers, accepted a 19 percent increase in the price of the raw material from BHP Billiton, matching gains agreed by European, Japanese and other Asian steel producers.

The Chinese steelmaker will

sign contracts with Brazil's Cia. Vale do Rio Doce and London-based Rio Tinto Group "in the next two days," according to the Chinese company's chief negotiator Liu Yongshun.

China's steelmakers, which account for 43 percent of global imports of iron ore, had so far resisted a 19 percent increase. Iron ore prices have surged due

to demand from China, which is increasing steel output to make more cars, factories and houses. The advance is the second-biggest price jump in 25 years, according to ABN Amro Holding NV.

"China doesn't have much choice as it needs the raw material," said Sean Zheng, who helps manage US\$100 million at Beijing-based Dingtian Asset Man-

agement Co. "We think it's a fair price; after all, it's still a sellers' market."

The acceptance by Chinese steelmakers marks the end of more than half a year of negotiations, with Rio de Janeiro-based Vale initially asking for a 24.6 percent increase and the Chinese refusing any. Prices rose a record 71.5 percent last year.

SK Telecom to buy US\$1 billion of China Unicom

June 21 (Bloomberg) – SK Telecom Co., South Korea's largest mobile-phone operator, will buy as much as US\$1 billion of bonds convertible into a 6.7 percent stake in China Unicom Ltd. to tap the world's biggest wireless market by subscribers.

The three-year bonds will be convertible into as many as 899.7 million China Unicom shares. The South Korean company said it plans to buy the bonds on July 5.

SK Telecom Chief Executive Officer Kim Shin-bae wants to generate earnings overseas to make up for slowing subscriber growth at home. For China Unicom, the funds will help upgrade networks and boost ties with the operator that offered the world's first so-called third-generation wireless services.

SK Telecom will have to wait a year after the purchase before it is able to convert the bonds into

China Unicom shares, according to the statement.

China Unicom, the smaller of the nation's two mobile-phone operators, is vying with bigger rival China Mobile and fixed-line companies China Telecom and China Netcom to get licenses to offer 3G wireless services.

China, whose mobile-phone subscribers outnumber the population of the US, hasn't said when it will grant licenses or how many it will permit. The nation had 416 million cell-phone subscribers as at April 30, according to the Ministry of Information Industry.

SK Telecom and China Unicom in April 2004 formed a \$6 million Beijing-based venture. UNISK (Beijing) Information Technologies Co., which is 51 percent-controlled by Unicom, provides wireless content, such as games and ring tones for mobile-phone users.

Sweden calls on EU withdraw from anti-dumping cases against China

Brussel, June 21 (www.eupolitix.com) – Sweden is pressing EU trade commissioner Peter Mandelson to avoid "mistaken" and counter-productive sanctions such as those taken against Chinese and Vietnamese shoe producers.

"I think it was a big mistake and it has really shown the problems of anti-dumping measures," Swedish trade minister Thomas Ostros said of the sanctions in an interview with the *Financial Times*.

"Together with the textile row of last year, these two examples show that we have come to end of the road when it comes to using these kinds of protectionist mea-

asures."

In a letter sent to Brussels, Ostros is set to underline the EU's "anachronistic" reliance on anti-dumping action.

He calls on Mandelson to focus on boosting competitiveness instead of attempting to protect member states.

The call comes just a day after Chinese shoemakers met European officials and threatened legal action for the tariffs.

Chinese companies say they are prepared to take the case to the WTO and ECJ.

The EU has until October 6 to decide on definitive measures, such as tariffs or quotas.

McDonald's and Sinopec forge significant strategic alliance

By Chu Meng

McDonald's Drive-Thru restaurants are to be developed at China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec) gas stations throughout the country to provide mobile customers with convenience and, of course, big greasy burgers.

McDonald's China and Sinopec, both Fortune 500 companies and internationally recognized brands announced the formation of this historical strategic partnership this Tuesday at the Great Hall of the People.

The new agreement involved



More McDonald's drive-thrus are expected in China.

AFP Photo

the selection and development of Sinopec petrol service stations covering Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, which will feature a McDonald's Drive-Thru

restaurant to provide McDonald's meals to China's increasingly mobile consumers 24 hours a day.

Jeffrey Schwartz, CEO of McDonald's China said "Sinopec's extensive market coverage, with the largest number of petrol service stations in China, provides a powerful platform for McDonald's in its ongoing development of Drive-Thru as an integral part of our growth and expansion in China."

This Chinese gas service giant currently operates 30,000 service stations throughout

China and continues to grow at a rate of approximately 500 new outlets annually. Their need for professional, reliable business partners is underlined by the fact that they serve millions of consumers across the country on a daily basis.

Mike Roberts, McDonald's Global President said "The Drive-Thru represents the next generation of McDonald's restaurants in China. It is an exciting development in accelerating our growth and providing even more convenient choices to our Asian customers."

Matsushita's first digital camera



A model introduces a Lumix DMC-L1, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co's first digital single-lens reflex camera, during an unveiling in Tokyo on Wednesday June 21, 2006. Matsushita, the maker of Panasonic brand, plans to put the 7.5-megapixel DMC-L1, equipped with a Leica lens, on the Japanese market at a price of US\$2,200 next month.

(AFP Photo)

Nokia, Siemens to merge phone networks units

Frankfurt/Helsinki, June 19 (Reuters) – Nokia and Siemens have agreed to combine their telecom networks businesses.

The new joint business values annually at 20 billion-25 billion euros (US\$25.2 – 31.5 billion).

Around one in five mobile phone calls is already made via a Siemens or Nokia network.

Nike wins logo lawsuit in Beijing

Beijing, June 17 (AP) – The Beijing High People's Court overturned a lower court verdict which ordered Nike to pay a Chinese Internet cartoonist US\$36,000 for copying his illustration.

The new verdict orders the cartoonist to pay court fees of more than US\$5,000.

The stick figure logo for Nike's 'Creativity in Sports' campaign was designed by an American advertising company in 2002 at a cost of US\$3 million.

Delta Airline aims to fly China

Beijing, June 22 (Atlanta Business Chronicle) – The US state of Georgia has decided to put its first trade office in Beijing.

The move will establish a beachhead for Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines in its quest to establish a direct air route to China in 2008, if not sooner, by forging relationships with China's political and economic decision-makers.

Bidding battle for PCCW looms

Hong Kong, June 21 (AFP) – Shares in Hong Kong phone operator PCCW have been suspended as Australia's Macquarie Bank and US private-equity company Texas Pacific Group and its Asian investment arm Newbridge Capital Inc are bidding for its core telecommunication and media assets.

TPG Newbridge Capital sparked a bidding price of US\$7.55 billion, trumping Macquarie Group's US\$7.3 billion.

Clear Channel expands Beijing ad spaces

San Antonio, Texas, June 20 (AP) – Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc. said its 51 percent-owned Chinese subsidiary bought 634 bus shelter advertising displays in Beijing, boosting its market position there.

The company paid 80 million yuan (US\$10 million) for the spaces. That gives it 6,000 panels.



Outdoor advertising is prospering in Beijing.

AP Photo

Starbucks targeted over high-fat products

The Starbucks Corporation may be next on the target list of a consumer health group that sued the operator of the KFC fried chicken restaurant chain for frying foods in oils high in harmful trans fat.

Consumer advocates the Center for Science in the Public Interest say they are planning to campaign against the global cafe chain because of the increased risk of obesity, heart disease and cancer associated with high-calorie, high-fat products it sells.

The possibility of legal action against Starbucks, similar to the case it is taking against KFC owner Yum Brands Inc., has not been ruled out, said CSPI executive director Michael F. Jacobson.

The group "has support in the campaign from the small IWW Starbucks Workers Union, which has members in three stores, all in New York."

"The union contends that Starbucks staff gain weight when they work at the chain. They are offered unlimited beverages and leftover pastries for free during their shifts."

"A 20-ounce Venti banana mocha Frappuccino with whipped cream contains 720 calories and 11 grams of saturated fat, and a banana cream crunch bar weighs in at 630 calories and 25 grams of saturated fat. By comparison, a McDonald's Big Mac has 560 calories and 11 grams of saturated fat."

(Reuters)

Comments:

I have no problems with making them give disclosures about content and fat so people can make an informed decision.

— doug from upland

No one is forcing anyone to eat, drink, and be merry!

IT'S CALLED FREEDOM OF CHOICE!

— EBH

I'm surprised they didn't call it 'Heart attack in a cup.'

— MAexile

How many calories I put into my body is no more business of anyone else than whether or not I wear a seat belt.

— sgtbono2002

I am for disclosure, I want to know what I am eating. If Starbucks would post what is in that banana drink on a chart in the store, no one would buy it.

— oceanview

If you don't like someone's food or think it is unhealthy.... DON'T EAT THERE!

But leave the rest of us the hell alone!

— conservative physics

I know its fattening, its also delicious, and when I splurge I do not give a damn.

— sgtbono2002

This is dangerous 'junk science'. Every diabetic knows its



the breeding and the buns killing people ~ NOT THE FAT!

— muawiyah

I have no love for Starbucks, but I hate busybodies who are bent on stopping everyone else from having fun!

— HitmanLV

Once you've had a Starbucks, other coffee seems weak and watered down. Starbucks treats its employees well and pays its coffee growers fair prices. What's the problem with that?

— phantomworker

My favorite restaurant gives their employees half-off all their meals. Result: employees hang out there a lot even when they aren't working. Of course, when they only pay you US\$2.13 an

hour plus tips, they may be eating there more out of necessity than desire. Most of their employees are college-aged.

— Tall_Texan

Fat makes food taste great. If they take out the fat, I won't buy their products. If I don't want fat, I'll buy weight watcher food.

— GWfan

Stupid beyond belief.

People who walk into Starbucks are perfectly welcome to bypass the pastry case and order a tall with skim milk and no whip. Nobody is forced into ordering a Venti whole milk latte with whip and a pastry.

It's called PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

— SandyInSeattle

(By Jiang Xubo)

Weekly topics

Newsweek (USA)

1. Terror watch: a mistake in Sus-kind's book?
2. America's bad rep in Europe
3. Remembering Christopher Reeve
4. Universal health care: could it happen?
5. 8 US troops charged with murder

Toronto Star (Canada)

1. Trauma relevant in divorce
2. Cars pricier here than in U.S.
3. Nuclear titan eyes Candu
4. Imam's visit raises concerns
5. PM expected to offer head tax compensation

The New York Times (USA)

1. On Iraq, Kerry again leaves Democrats fuming
2. Former anti-terror officials find industry pays better
3. Personality, ideology and Bush's terror wars
4. 'Star Trek' fans, deprived of a show, recreate the franchise on digital video
5. Senators to debate Iraq measure today

Sydney Morning Herald (Australia)

1. Stolen body parts used on Australian patients
2. Sydney cheap by world stan-

- dards, pizzas apart
3. Watt a day for a beach wedding
4. Lamborghini in tax dodge case
5. Reporting to bitter end: Rather quits CBS News under a cloud

Daily Telegraph (UK)

1. How the Chicks survived their scrap with Bush
2. Power of Scottish MPs 'a threat to UK'
3. Anglican crisis as woman leads US church
4. Paras strike deep into the Taliban's heartland
5. Ayatollah's grandson calls for US overthrow of Iran

(By Jiang Xubo)

CBS: China, Japan, what's the difference

By Little Green Footballs

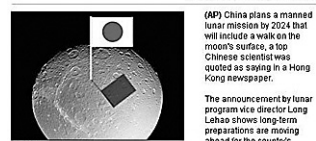
Professional journalistic standards are on display tonight at CBS News, where they don't seem to know the difference between China and Japan.

(On June 20, CBS reported that China plans to land on the Moon by 2024. However, on its website, CBS attached the Japanese flag, instead of the Chinese flag, to the picture of the moon, which arouses a hot debate online.)

China Plans To Land On Moon By 2024

Top Scientist Says Mission Will Include Walk On Lunar Surface

SHANGHAI, China, June 20, 2006

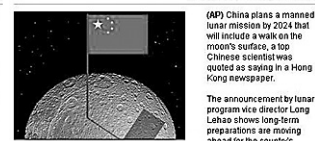


(AP / CBS)

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(AP / CBS)

Comments:

Actually, there is nothing wrong with this graphic now – thanks to the ever-watchful eyes of the blogosphere. As Little Green Footballs points out however, the image which originally ran with this story, about China's plans for a trip to the moon, featured the flag of Japan, not China. Oops.

According to Michael Sims, director of news and operations for CBSNews.com, the error was an 'honest mistake' by both the producer of the story who pulled the incorrect graphic and the copy editor who reviewed the story. As Sims notes, the image has been corrected and the story includes an editor's note which reads: "A previous version of this story included a graphic of the Japanese flag instead of the Chinese flag. We regret the error."

— Public Eye, CBSNews.com

I guess they missed the memo where Japan lost in World War II.

— Dar ul Harb

That's hilarious! Reminds me of a joke: A Jew walks into a bar and sits down. He has a few drinks, then he sees a Chinese man and punches him in the face. "Ouch!" The Chinese man asks, "What was that for?" "That was for Pearl Harbor," the Jew says. "But I'm Chinese!" "Chinese, Japanese, what's the difference?" And the Jew sits back down. Then, the Chinese man walks up to the Jew and punches him in the face. "Ouch!" the Jew says. "What was that for?" "That was for the Titanic," the Chinese man says. "But that was an iceberg!" "Iceberg, Goldberg, what's the difference?"

— Earth2moonbat

But they're all, you know, Asians. What's the difference.

— rabidsquirrel

The story is not that China plans to go to the moon, but rather that AP's graphics department doesn't know the difference between China and Japan and depicted a Japanese flag on the moon. Pathetic.

— zombie

CBS reminds me of a song, some of the words:

Don't know much about geography

Don't know much about nothing at all ...

— MSMediaCritic

Let's see:

1. Wrong Flag (Japanese instead of Chinese)

2. Wrong Moon (that's not earth's moon, and I don't think they are going out to Saturn's Dione without a local stop)

3. Wrong Shadow (moon is illuminated from the front but shadow has illumination from the back).

CBS corrected the Flag. 1 out of 3 facts are now correct. That's pretty good for CBS.

The incorrect moon still doesn't compare to the NBC intro that had the earth spinning the wrong way (Sun was rising in the West, setting in the East for Tom Brokaw's nightly news. They corrected it though).

— tim_beatty

What great editors CBS has!!

This error is STILL in the story: "preparations are moving ahead for the country's ambition space exploration program."

Hint: It should read 'ambitious'

If you all can't even get the small things right, why would we expect you to get the big ones right? Not that we did even before Rather gate.

Did CBS ever definitively admit that the maps or rather TANG docs were bogus?? I'll answer that – NO.

Ya'll are pathetic.

— foobarbaz

The correction and the comment by BzlBenz are hysterical!

Ohmigawd CBS - if you can't get the small stuff right, what are we supposed to think about your abilities on the big important stuff? Too funny!

— centralcal

Several readers have pointed out that not only is the flag wrong, but the shadow added by CBS is going in the wrong direction.

And that's not all. This isn't even the Earth's moon. It's Dione, one of the moons of Saturn. (Thanks to zombie for locating the exact photo.)

CBS has fixed the flag, but left the other mistakes uncorrected.

— Updated by Little green footballs, June 21

(By Fan Ruohong)

Drugs recovered from Zubair's stomach



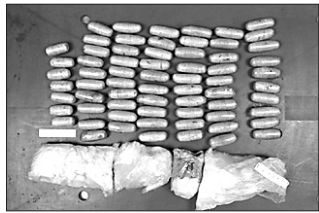
Beijing Customs nab foreign drug smugglers

By Han Manman

The Beijing Municipal Customs Bureau announced Tuesday that they have busted a foreign drug smuggling ring. This is also the first Beijing Customs case involving foreigners concealing drugs internally.

Four foreign suspects have been arrested and 1.3 kilograms of heroin were found. According to the first instance judgment of the Second Intermediate People's Court Of Beijing, three foreigners were found guilty of the crime of drug smuggling. Two – Muhammad Zubair and Agape Emeka – received life sentences, and Tahir Hussain Abbasi received a 15-year sentence. The judgment involved them having their assets in China seized before they were deported. It is also the most severe judgment so far involving foreigners in a smuggling case in Beijing.

Beijing Customs received infor-



mation that a drug smuggling group from a south Asian country would use a special method of taking drugs to Beijing Capital International Airport in August. The customs' Anti-smuggling Bureau immediately formed a special team.

On August 22, anti-smuggling police apprehended Zubair. Police recovered 602.62 grams of heroin from his stomach and 403.36 grams from his shoes. On August 26, Abbasi was captured at Beijing Capital International Airport. In the drug inspection report, the heroin purity was estimated at 89.2 percent.



Abbasi was captured at Beijing Capital International Airport

Photos by Lei Hong

Crazy director vs. crazier audience

By Wang Xiaoyuan

Luc Besson, one of the most successful French directors of his generation, attended the closing ceremony of Beijing's French Documentary Festival, bringing his latest film *Angel-A* and causing a stir in the process.

Besson's appearance Thursday night at the China Film Archive, surrounded by a fence of 10 bodyguards, ignited a round of applause and a flurry of flashlights. All the media and photographers were directed by Besson to lower their bodies in front of the screen to let the audience see him clearly. When a flashlight would interrupt his speech, he would stop talking and hide himself behind his Chinese interpreter.



Luc Besson Photo by Qiu Lei

The film is, by Besson's own admission, the most conventional one he has ever made. It tells the story of one desperate man who meets with a mysterious woman who seemed to be omnipotent but also desperate. It was the first time *Angel-A* was shown in China and the director received a rapid response

from the Chinese audience. "Why is the film in black and white?" "Why is the lead always putting his right hand in his pocket?" Besson explained, "There are many contrasts in the film. The contrast of black and white can bring an uncertainty about reality. As for the actor's hand, our hero lost his right hand in a train accident when he was 13 years old, so we only shot his left hand in the film."

Besides comments on the film, other questions were about the director's other creations. Then, after an argument concerning the depth of his films with a French audience member, Besson encountered a man trying to sell his script to him and who asked him for his con-

tact number. "Just dial 0033 and enter LUC," he replied.

That was not the end of the director's surprises. Just as he announced he was to leave, a man was introduced to him as an admirer who had studied his films from Wednesday night right up till the start of the ceremony. "You are much crazier than I!" Besson declared, shaking hands with him.

Besson became known to Chinese audiences for *Leon* (1994) and *The Fifth Element* (1997). He is known for the super-natural elements and feminine power in his films. Besson is now having a short stop in Beijing before attending the Shanghai Film Festival next week.

Tigers: Beijing could host Rugby World Cup in 20 years

By Tom Mackenzie/Chris O'Brien

A Beijing taxi driver's topic of conversation is a reliable barometer for the city's preoccupations, and this month World Cup banter is bordering on obsessive. Unfazed, a Leicester Tigers delegation, headed by Martin Johnson, is tackling football fever head on with a weeklong visit in China to bring rugby to the world's most populous nation.

The Tigers trio of Johnson, Rory Underwood and Executive Director Peter Wheeler believe China could be hosting the Rugby World Cup in 20 years – quite a feat for a country that held its first international game just 10 years ago and has fewer than 3,500 players.

But first lessons have to be learnt by China's future players and the first came at a training session for primary school children in the capital yesterday afternoon. "That's the wrong-shaped ball," advised

Johnson when 12-year-old Kang Kan harked back to the game's origins by picking up a football and running with it.

"The guys we've met so far are very passionate about rugby and I see no reason why it can't really take off," said Johnson, whose size alone drew awe-struck stares. "We're here to find out about rugby in China and to offer them our help and expertise."

Wheeler is convinced rugby has huge potential in China. "We want the world's great sporting nations playing rugby and China is one of those," he said. "China challenging for the World Cup would be great for rugby and I think that's a realistic prospect."

Johnson is clear about how to start promoting the game. "They need to get the game out there, they need to get it into schools so kids are playing it from an early age. And at some stage they are going to have to get rugby on television."

UNESCO holds exhibition to help migrants

By Chen Shasha

An exhibition held by UNESCO about China's migrants was held in SOHO on June 6, as a part of project called 'Together with Migrants'. Most associations of the UN and some NGOs from both China and abroad displayed their achievements in the related fields and offered consulting services to migrant workers.

Many migrants in China face problems, including a lack of job training, education for children, and diseases like AIDS, said Domenach, senior program specialist for social and human sciences of the UN. In that case, the UN cooperated with Beijing local associations providing consultations on law, human rights and job seeking to help the migrants.

The 'Together with Migrants' project started from 2002 to help urban workers through services including training in life and basic skills, vocational training, career counselling, family planning, and health and rights awareness. Women and children are a special focus of the project as many female migrants face discrimination both as migrant workers and as women.

Beijing now has more than three million migrants and the number is still increasing. The 'Together with Migrants' was started mainly because of the large amount of migrant workers. Until now, more than 80,000 female migrants have benefited from the project's activities. The whole project will last until 2007.

Scotland season

By Jackie Zhang

Being a part of Great Britain, Scotland is famous for its tartan, whisky, and bagpipes all over the world. This Monday, John Elvidge, Permanent Secretary of the Scottish Executive, launched the 'Discover UK – Scotland Season' at the British Council Beijing Office, giving people more opportunities to know more about this beautiful country.

"I'm delighted that Scotland is the first country on this journey around the UK. This is an excellent opportunity for us to inform people about contemporary Scotland, including the devolved nature of Scotland's government, our unique judicial system, strong education system, contributions to scientific research, wealth of tourist destinations and role on the international contemporary arts stage," said John Elvidge.

The Scotland Season is a part of Discover UK, an online event held by the British Council to promote British culture. It is jointly held by: British Council China, British Council Scotland and Scottish Executive, starting from this Monday and lasting three months.

During the three-month period, there will be 300 informative and interesting articles, images and video clips published on British Council China websites, highlighting the distinct nature of Scotland's education system, culture, arts, science, tourism, history, modern lifestyle and achievements.

The focus of June is to introduce Scotland's lifestyle, politics and history, cities, tourism and education. In July and August, topics on Scottish food and drinks, science and special culture will be discussed, with a focus on the arts.

People can visit www.britishcouncil.org.cn for Scotland Season articles and general activities information. More information about Scotland is also available at www.scotlandistheplace.com.

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World Cup: the savior of 24 hour convenience stores

By Xue Meng

"Beers, chips and snacks sell like hot cakes these days," said Mr Zhang, a convenience store-owner. Since the world cup kicked off on June 9, many convenience stores in Beijing, such as 7-11 and Quik, have experienced soaring night sales.

On the early morning of June 19, staff in a convenience store near Chaoyang North Road were already preoccupied with stocking the shelves with canned

beers. Canned beers which are usually less popular have been actually selling out. "Due to the morning matches, we are busy even at 2am," said Mr Zhang. Most of the football fans coming to the store are local residents, and many of them snatch the few minutes between the matches to shop.

As the football matches are shown on TV live, 24 hour McDonalds restaurants in Beijing have also become a pop-

ular venue for the football fans. Bars, beer gardens and 24-hour restaurants have also benefited.

According to the 122 traffic accident station, the World Cup has cut the traffic in Beijing by 10 percent in comparison with last month. Fewer accidents have been reported during the period. Traffic accidents usually take place after 9pm, when most people, especially football fans, prefer to stay at home and watch the games.

Ex football gambler launches 'gamblers anonymous'

By Wang Xiaoyuan

Ren Jie, an ex football gambler, published his confession on the Internet before the opening of the 2006 World Cup to show the dark side of the game and the pain of thousands of gamblers in China. He is now setting up an association to help football gamblers to control their addiction.

In his story, *Crying Football: A Confession of a Football Gambler*, which has been read by over 10,000 visitors, Ren described how four years' of gambling ruined him financially, "The gambling system is

a pyramid. The banker is at the top, he controls the whole game, and organizes different levels of semi-bankers. Through the Internet they forward information to all the branches around the world. Dealers from big cities to small villages then bet for gamblers they have contacted."

Ren started to gamble during the World Cup 2002. As with many beginners, he was told by the dealer that gambling was very common and was legal in China. "Many papers would analyze on some games and teams which were not listed on the authentic football lot-

tery. The dealer told us that was to pass messages to the gamblers."

After Ren lost over two million yuan and sold his parents' house, he tried to commit suicide. "My wife prevented me and persuaded me to live for my family. Now I have quit the habit and am working hard to repay my debt."

Ren is now calling for other victims to get together and help each other to quit. Many gamblers turn to him for help to quit the habit. "It is as difficult as quitting drugs. The only way that works for me is to stay with my family as much as possible," said Ren.

Fans kick off World Cup trip

By Jiang Xubo

A team of Chinese fans, a NGO delegation of spectators looking to learn how to emulate the success of the world's football greats, headed off last Saturday to the World Cup.

The 10 fans were invited through Internet selection by the Midea Group and Sohu with support from the Chinese Football Association. Some 100,000 people across the country from cities including Beijing, Wuhan, and Chengdu applied.



The German councilor bids farewell to the team. Photo by Xiao Wei

Martin Fleischer, councilor from the German Embassy bid farewell to the team at the Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA).



Scotland the brave

Men in kilts enjoy football at the World Cup.

Photo by Happy Hu



New Australian Rules Football club sets up in Beijing

By Han Manman

A new Australian Rules Football club supported by AustCham Beijing have set up in Beijing. The new Beijing Bombers Australian Football Team will have a friendly match with a Chinese team at the Australian International School of Beijing (AISB) tomorrow. This is the first time an Australian team will play a Chinese team in Beijing.

Different from soccer and rugby, Australian Rules Football (also 'Aussie Rules' or 'footy') is one of the many existing forms of football, with roots traceable from early forms of rugby and Gaelic football, but it is uniquely Australian.

"We have an Australian Youth

Ambassador, Tom Mattessi, who is doing volunteer work in Tianjin and currently training two Chinese teams based in Tianjin. We will invite them to Beijing tomorrow for a friendly match," said Edward Smith, the deputy chairman of AustCham Beijing. He added, "This is an unprecedented occasion, and an important step in developing the game in China. The Beijing Bombers call on all supporters of the game, and all Australians, to come to the Australian School to support the event."

According to Mattessi, the Chinese team of players, from Tianjin Normal University, will come to practice with the Australian team. "They have just begun



Australian Rules Football

Photo provided by AustCham

learning the sport but already they are quite good. After practice we will have a barbecue and chat," said Mattessi.

Aussie Rules club is devoted to developing Australian Football

in the world's most populated country. As well as providing information for footy mad Aussie expats, it aims to assist local Chinese in promoting the game within the local population.

Canadian jazz trio to perform in Beijing



Steve Koven Trio

Photo provided by Canadian Embassy

By Annie Wei

Toronto-based jazz group the Steve Koven Trio are touring China from Wednesday to the end of the month. The event is organized by the Canadian Embassy in Beijing and the Canadian Consulate General in Shanghai.

The Trio are a leading jazz band in Canada and have performed in many countries, and at a range of festivals with other top

artists.

They will bring their animated, adventurous and addictive brand of hard-swinging jazz through a combination of public, private and educational venues in Shanghai, the organizer said.

It will be the group's first visit to China. Meanwhile, they will also give some lectures and educational performances for students from the Contemporary Music Institute

in Beijing.

The trio's schedule in Beijing as following:

June 26, Master class/performance at the Contemporary Music Institute

June 27, Performance at the Canadian Embassy to celebrate Canada Day

June 29, Performance at Peking University Hall, Peking University (www.pku-hall.com)

French embassy promotes new French museum

By Han Manman

The French Embassy Tuesday celebrated the launch of an international museum in France called Musée du Quai Branly at the French culture centre in Beijing. The new museum, located in the heart of Paris, will be officially opened today.

In fluent Chinese, French embassy Press Counsellor Olivier Guyonvarch introduced the new museum, built to showcase the art and civilizations of Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas in the heart of Paris.

Featuring magnificent collections that have been acclaimed as treasures of the non-European world, the new museum is hailed as an architectural masterpiece, designed by France's ubiquitous architect Jean Nouvel. Consisting of a spectacular group of buildings located in a 40,000-square-metre area, the new venue is "a museum in a forest" of trees and greenery.

According to Olivier, the Musée du Quai Branly, already defined as "a museum for viewing the Other" was born of the resolve of French President Jacques Chirac to "give arts and civilizations that have been neglected for far too long their rightful place". The museum aspires to become "an instrument of peace that bears witness to the equal dignity of all cultures and individuals."

Focus on Italy: photography contest invites you to join a visual feast

By Chu Meng

A photography contest, Focus on Italy, was jointly held by the Embassy of Italy and the China-Italy Chamber of Commerce this week. Now you can participate in this visual feast with your own photographic works, as long as you are Chinese and have a love for Italy.

Are you impressed by Italy natural scenery, culture and way of life? You can express your feelings and emotions about that country using your photos. Three topics - Italy in China, My Trip to Italy and Italy on Cars, provides a wide stage.

Italy in China can be anything: a concert, an exhibition, a festival; it can be a moment of enthusiasm, a thought-provoking or peculiar image; it could also be the window of a fancy store, a sign in front of a restaurant, a cluster of colors, or the sky blue uniforms of the Italian team in the World Cup.

Have you ever been to Italy? My Trip to Italy is looking for your memories of its piazzas, fountains, an old alleyway or a small porch. Are you a fan of Italian cars like Ferraris, Alfas or Maseratis? You can win yourself a ticket to the next Formula One Racing Season in Shanghai by taking a picture for Italy on Cars.

UK delegation takes part in BITE

By Jackie Zhang

The UK delegation will join in the Beijing International Tourism Exhibition (BITE) this weekend for the first time. Sandie Dawe, director of VisitBritain which promotes Britain overseas as a tourism destination, will come to Beijing as well for the tourism promotion at BITE.

The British delegation this time is made up of nine exhibitors including VisitBritain, Visit London, Visit Scotland, Atlas Travel Club, Bales Worldwide, CHR Travel, Eurostar, Thistle & Guoman Hotels and BMI.

"The UK travel industry is very optimistic to the booming Chinese tourism market. VisitBritain and UK travel organizations are actively making preparations to welcome Chinese tourists since the signing of ADS (Approved Destination Status) agreement between the two governments last year," said Sandie Dawe, strategy and communication director of VisitBritain, "To build good partnerships with Chinese travel industry is the crucial task for our delegation this time. We will further customize our products and services to satisfy the prospective Chinese travelers' needs."

At present, the UK is listed sixth in the world for its travel industry revenue. Every year around 150,000 Chinese visitors go to the UK. About 70,000 of those are tourists.

African Dream Team wins Hiboo Cup

By Wang Xiaoyuan

The one-month Hiboo International Football Cup concluded last Saturday. The African Dream Team faced a tough American side in the Beijing's summer's crushing heat, but finally triumphed to take the cup 1:0.

A South Korean side came third. On the same day, the award for the best competitive spirit was given to a Mexican team for their record of zero yellow or red cards during the competition. En Dade, the American team's number 11, won the golden boot for top scorer. He scored five goals.

The Hiboo Cup started mid May and successfully promoted the football spirit among international football players and fans.



2006 Canada Day Celebrations

Beijing Saturday July 1st, 2006

Sino Bright School of Beijing No.25 School

(东城区灯市口大街55号, 北京市25中加拿大海外学校)

11:00am-18:00pm

Canada Day Beijing will be held at the Sino Bright School of Beijing No.25 located in downtown Beijing, (minutes away from Tiananmen Square). A full day of fun and activities are planned. There will be plenty of room for Canadians and friends of Canada to mingle, spend time with their families, enjoy music, and a BBQ, all taking place in an elegant, classical Chinese setting.

There will be plenty of entertainment throughout the day including a children's corner, a live band, prize giveaways, special fun events and contests, and much more.

We have many sponsorship opportunities for your company to promote its brand to one of the largest annual expatriate celebrations in Beijing.

Adult ticket: in advance RMB100, at door RMB150,

Kids ticket: above 12 RMB50, free for kids aged 12 and under.

For tickets please contact the Canada China Business Council at 010 8526-1820/1/2 or bj.events@ccbc.com.cn

Not so lazy days of summer

By Annie Wei

When we are children, we think the most pathetic part of being an adult is not having long summer holidays. It means no homework and only fun activities. It also means no early wake-up calls and afternoons by the swimming pool.

However, some parents prefer their children to have a meaningful summer. Summer camp is a combination of having fun and learning more.

Some children like a scout-oriented summer camp, especially camping in the mountains with other children and learning scouting skills. Some children will go abroad to travel with their parents. Some will prefer to learn about Chinese culture or the language.

Many schools are offering different activities during the summer. We hope all the children have a great summer this year!

Beanstalk International Bilingual school

The school has language classes both in English and Chinese, aimed at improving students' skill in writing, reading, as well as learning new expressions.

Other events include:

Arts and Crafts – Get creative this summer with a variety of outdoor and indoor art projects including: water painting, paper mache sculptures, printmaking, and much more.

Badminton – Learn how to play badminton with guidance from a professional coach from the famous Dong Jiong Badminton School. Dong Jiong was the 1996 Badminton World Cup champion and a winner of the silver medal in the Badminton Men's Singles at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Hip hop dance – Learn hip hop step by step with a trainer from the famous D Z Cool Dance Studio (www.dzcool.com). After few classes you will impress your peers and relatives with great



Birthday at a summer camp

Photo provided by Potter's Wheel Sports Center

dance moves!

Field trips – Explore exciting places in Beijing; experience Chinese culture; enjoy bus rides and outdoor picnic lunches with friends. We are planning visits to various destinations around Beijing, such as the Beijing Aviation Museum, the Tulip Garden, and the China Art Museum.

Potter's Wheel Sports Center, famous for its tennis training for young people, the center also has a summer camp for children aged five to 16.

The campers will be put into groups according to age and tennis levels, the school said. Apart from tennis training, they have other activities like swimming, basketball, football, beach volleyball, Chinese food making and two days out for field trips.

The opening ceremony of Potter's Wheel Sports Center is on July 3.

Beijing BISS International School

Starting on July 3, BISS has a three week summer camp immersed with Chinese history

and culture through a 'Getting to know about' classroom sessions in areas of 'feng shui', Chinese chess, Taichi, Wushu, Chinese painting and calligraphy.

Field trips in and around Beijing include visits to historical sites like the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and Tiananmen Square.

Also, a special program the BISS offer includes a 5-day 'In Search of Genghis Khan' trip to Inner Mongolia, including destinations like Hohhot and Baotou and the desert, providing the campers a chance to experience the nomadic lifestyle of the Mongolians.

Eton International School

The program 'Wild, Wild West' introduces students to Native American culture, which combines many interesting activities like tracking animals, building totem poles, and learning Native American folk traditions.

The school also has an intense study of the solar system, world cultures, and music appreciation activities called 'PlanetKIDS', and it also organizes outdoor sports,

camping, and survival techniques at an overnight English camp.

Yew Chung International School of Beijing

The school has a course for speaking and listening comprehension of Mandarin Chinese (Putonghua). It is an excellent introduction for overseas non-Chinese speaking students to the language and culture of China.

Traditional Chinese things are always popular. The school offers cultural activities like learning erhu, Chinese dance, Chinese folk customs, brush painting or calligraphy, shadow puppets, Chinese paper cutting and kite making.

Learning about China is always an important part of summer camps. Students will be shown around famous places like the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, and Beihai Park.

The school will bring students to Shandong Province: the birthplace of Confucius, the home of calligraphy and teach them about the ancient Chinese folklore.

Local 'mathlete' tastes Hong Kong silver

By Gareth George

Western academy student Kwan Hee Lee enjoyed a triumphant reception in Hong Kong on June 23. Kwan Hee Lee – who with his flowing locks resembles a juvenile rock star more than a nerdy maths geek – came second overall in the Mathematics Competition in the Hong Kong East Asia Region. The trip to receive his award was part of the prize.

BCIS listed on Olympic Education Model Schools

By Jiang Xubo

Beijing City International School (BCIS) has made the list of Olympic Education Model Schools for the upcoming 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The Olympic model schools are expected to educate their communities about the cultural legacy of the Games and to spread the Olympic spirit.

"Of course, the attributes of the Olympic spirit tie in perfectly with our IBO Learner Profiles. As an Olympic model school, we will incorporate the Olympic Spirit into as much of our teaching and learning as possible and continue to communicate our goals in this area," said Julie Todd, Head of School (interim) from BCIS.

The Beijing Olympic Games organizers have named a total of 500 Olympic Education Model Schools nationwide. BCIS and Western Academy of Beijing, another international school in the capital, are the only two international schools to have made the list across the country.

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Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Learning martial arts

By Annie Wei

If you ever imagine yourself as one of the characters in the hit film *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* you are probably a fan of Chinese martial arts.

Many expatriates have a strong interest in learning Chinese martial arts and some become very good at it.

Frederic Simon, a 25-year-old from France, has been living in China for four years. For the first two years and a half he was learning different forms of Chinese martial arts and took part in competitions in Henan and Sichuan provinces.

"I think I have *Yuanfen* (fate) with martial arts," said Frederic, who started learning martial arts in France as a child.

Henan Province is famous for its Shaolin Temple and Sichuan Province is known for its Emei style of *Kung Fu*. Frederic has visited a number of famous martial arts places in China as he tried to find out which form was the best for him.

"A lot of schools claim to teach martial arts, *Taichi* or different forms of them but don't teach the practical side of martial arts," said Frederic. "Many forms of martial arts look good but aren't actually very practical. Martial arts are first and foremost about protecting yourself. They aren't about hurting other people. Learning a martial art helps you to build a stronger body and a strong mind."

"People in movies look good and have nice forms but can hardly use the forms. If you are serious about learning a martial art, forms have to become second nature. Learning them takes a lot of time. You have to break them



Practicing wrestling

Photos provided by Frederic

up and practice the individual parts over and over again."

Frederic set up MMA Beijing, a free fight academy in Wudaokou, two months ago with three friends. The academy provides practical training in boxing, standing wrestling, clinch work, submission, grappling groundwork, women's self-defense and cardio-core stretching.

"It's a studying and practice group for people who have an interest in free fighting," he said. "It's not a typical place for Chinese martial arts. Different members specialize in different

forms of fighting."

Frederic set up the academy so he could have a place to keep improving his martial arts skills alongside other enthusiasts. At the academy, Frederic and his friends see themselves both as teachers and students.

The academy has around 30 members including people from China, America, Europe, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Germany and Russia.

Compared with other martial arts schools, the MMA Beijing is very affordable. Membership costs between 200 and 300 yuan per month for three



Women's self-defense

sessions a week.

"It's not about the money, it's about trying to create a community and getting more people practicing martial arts," said Frederic.

For more information contact Frederic Simon on 13691519181, go to www.mmabeijing.com or visit the academy at Dongwang-zhuang (west gate) Building 23-second floor, near Wudaokou Subway.

Other martial arts schools:

Taijiquan Workshop

Traditional *Taichi* teaching weapon-play and hand pushes.

First floor of CTS Hotel, Sanyuanqiao, Chaoyang district.

Tel: 13001039563

Beijing Sports University

It offers degree and non-degree wushu courses, including dozens of forms of *Taichi*, boxing, swordplay and plenty of other intimidating weapons.

Zhongguangcun Beidajie, Haidian District

Tel: 6298-9341

Jinghua Wushu Association

It offers *Taichi* forms, weapons, qigong and meditation.

Liangma Qiao, near Nvrenjie, Chaoyang District

Tel: 131-41072677

Opening an office in China

By Annie Wei

Japanese environmentalist Shoji Onogi recently set up his representative office in Beijing. Like many other foreign businessmen, he wanted a representative office in China to help to gain experience and a better understanding of the size and potential of the market here.

A representative office is not a separate legal entity but an extension of its parent company, and there are clear rules for what a representative office can and cannot do.

A representative office can only engage in non-profit

making activities, such as conducting research and providing data. Profitable businesses that receive fees or sign contracts are not allowed.

If a foreign-owned company is engaged in trading or manufacturing, it must apply to the Ministry of Commerce or its local bureau at the provincial or municipal level before setting up an office.

Specialist industries like banking, insurance, legal, accounting, airline and the media will need to get approval from the Chinese government authority with

jurisdiction over that industry.

The Foreign Enterprise Services Company 'FESCO' can help with the procedure.

Onogi said the most difficult thing about setting up a representative office was the search for a suitable location. When a Chinese agent was helping him with the application, he had to provide a lease agreement for the representative office's premises from an approved unit, normally, a hotel or commercial building.

"Chinese law states that foreign companies have to set

up their offices in designated office buildings," said Onogi.

You Xiangdong, an officer with the Exit and Entry Bureau, insisted that setting up representative offices was getting easier.

"The processes are becoming easier and easier because China is encouraging people to invest here," he said.

Other registration formalities include registering with the tax bureau, opening a bank account, completing a residence application with the local PSB and appointing FESCO to recruit local Chinese employees.

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Greg, from the US, asked: how do I pay my electricity, water and phone bills?

Most apartments have their electricity, phone and water bills going through the bank system. Your landlord should give you an electricity card and a gas card. You need to go to the bank with the cards and put money onto them to top up your utilities.

Someone from the water bureau will usually check your water meter and will invoice you for the last two months.

Some landlords will pay all of these bills for you – just make sure they do not rip you off for the service.

Casper, from the UK, asked: what's the history of the canals that run through the city?

It is hard to imagine that Beijing once had a complicated network of canals. The city is more usually associated with a lack of water, especially in the summer.

Beijing started developing its water system hundreds of years ago. The city was once a port for people traveling from central China to the northeast by river.

In the *Warring States* period (475-221BC), the Yan state started digging canals to transport water to their farms.

The Grand Canal, which runs between Beijing and Hangzhou, was built in 608 AD. In Chinese tradition, the emperor's palace should be located in an area with plentiful supplies of water, representing prestige and power. From 1153, emperors have stuck to the tradition of bringing canals or rivers into the city. That is how Qingnianhu Lake in Xuanwu district got its water.

The canal that encircles the Forbidden City was built in the Ming Dynasty. The popular Shishahai Lake, also called Houhai was built at that time, and was known for its lotus plants.

To enjoy the fun of city's canals, you can try boating from Kunming Lake in the Summer Palace to the heart of the city. One route passes the Summer Palace, the CCTV tower, Yuyuantan and many other famous sites before getting to Bayi Lake. A one-way trip takes around 50 minutes. Another route is from the Summer Palace to the lake near the Beijing exhibition center, which is a journey of around 45 minutes.

Beijing's Water Tourism website lists the following boat schedule:

Depart Lake/Yuyuantan Park: 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00

Depart Beizhan Back Lake: 9:30, 13:00 and 15:30

Depart Summer Palace for Bayi Lake: 9:05, 10:05, 11:05, 14:05, 16:05

Depart Summer Palace for Beizhan Back Lake: 10:45, 15:15

The ticket booth and pier are a kilometer south of the South Gate of the Summer Palace. Above-deck seating is limited so arrive early. Standing on deck is permitted.

Baroque lumina

Size isn't everyth



Baroque luminaire has a date at the Great Wall



A gate of light



San Marco

By Jiang Xubo

Following the path to Juyongguan Pass, past shining wood-framed olive branches and clover in Apennine style, you'll find a brilliant world of Italian light architecture – *Luminarie*, at the Great Wall.

With tiny white, yellow, blue and red light bulbs to light the way, follow the Byzantine corridor under the clear blue evening sky. Walk the long corridor to its end, and you'll find the Cloud Platform, a tower base made of white marble and built in Yuan Dynasty style over 600 years ago. In the soft light, gods and animals are carved in the inner walls of the platform's arched hole, and they too seem to glimmer. Under the foot of the Great Wall, Italian and Chinese traditional architecture merges in *Spalliera*, 'the sacred road to the Cloud Platform'.

At the end of *Spalliera* is the fairyland conjured up by Giuseppe Paulicelli, a 62-year-old Italian light architecture artist. With the exquisite wood structures and tiny light bulbs, the Italian magician creates a crystal world with a church, a pavilion and corridors of arches.

San Marco, a 30-meter-high virtual church decorated with Byzantine and Gothic frets stands at the other side of the rippled Venice river. Sev-

eral people stepped out of the church to a bridge in front of it. Two lovers whispered in a Gondola floating under the bridge. Pigeons perched here and there on the bridge. At San Marco's feet, you can see how the light from the church and its green towers with golden spires envelopes you, and how the luminous Great Wall winds between the dark mountains over your head in the distance.

It's no surprise to see the Italian artist's salute to Chinese traditional architecture. In *Cas-sarmonica*, a small pavilion-shaped mobile hall, there is a half-meter-long bronze dragon designed by the artist around each of the pavilion's 12 pillars.

Galleria, 'the City of Warriors', 18 rows of baroque arches stand in line across the square between the two entrance platforms of Juyongguan Pass under the Great Wall, forming a 200 meter corridor, with a replica Terracotta Warrior standing at each of its 72 supports. Colorful lights shine, but these firm dark warriors never blink.

The Great Meeting – Luminarie in Great Wall China 2006 is at the Juyongguan Pass, some 50 kilometers northwest of the capital, from 7:30pm to 11pm through September 18.

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Giuseppe Paulicelli



What is Baroque luminaire?

Light architecture, or 'Baroque luminaire' as it is known in Italy, is a traditional handicraft traced back to some 200 years ago. And Bari, a small city in southern Italy, is said to be the birthplace.

The handicraft creates virtual buildings in a Baroque style with hollowed-out wooden frameworks outlined with lights of different colors. It plays an important role in holidays and religious ceremonies in some western countries.

The Paulicelli family entered this traditional trade in 1910 and started a company some 10 years later. Paulicelli is now an established name in the trade

"Initially, people used Kerosene to light the light architecture and kept the lights lit from dawn to dusk. Then there came gas. And my father introduced electricity for the first time in 1920," said Giuseppe.

He presented a light architecture show in 1989 for Colonel Qaddafi's 20th anniversary in office.

"It stretched some 45 kilometers and took us eight months to set up. It took two hours to walk through it. Two hours! Just think about it," the old man laughed with pride.

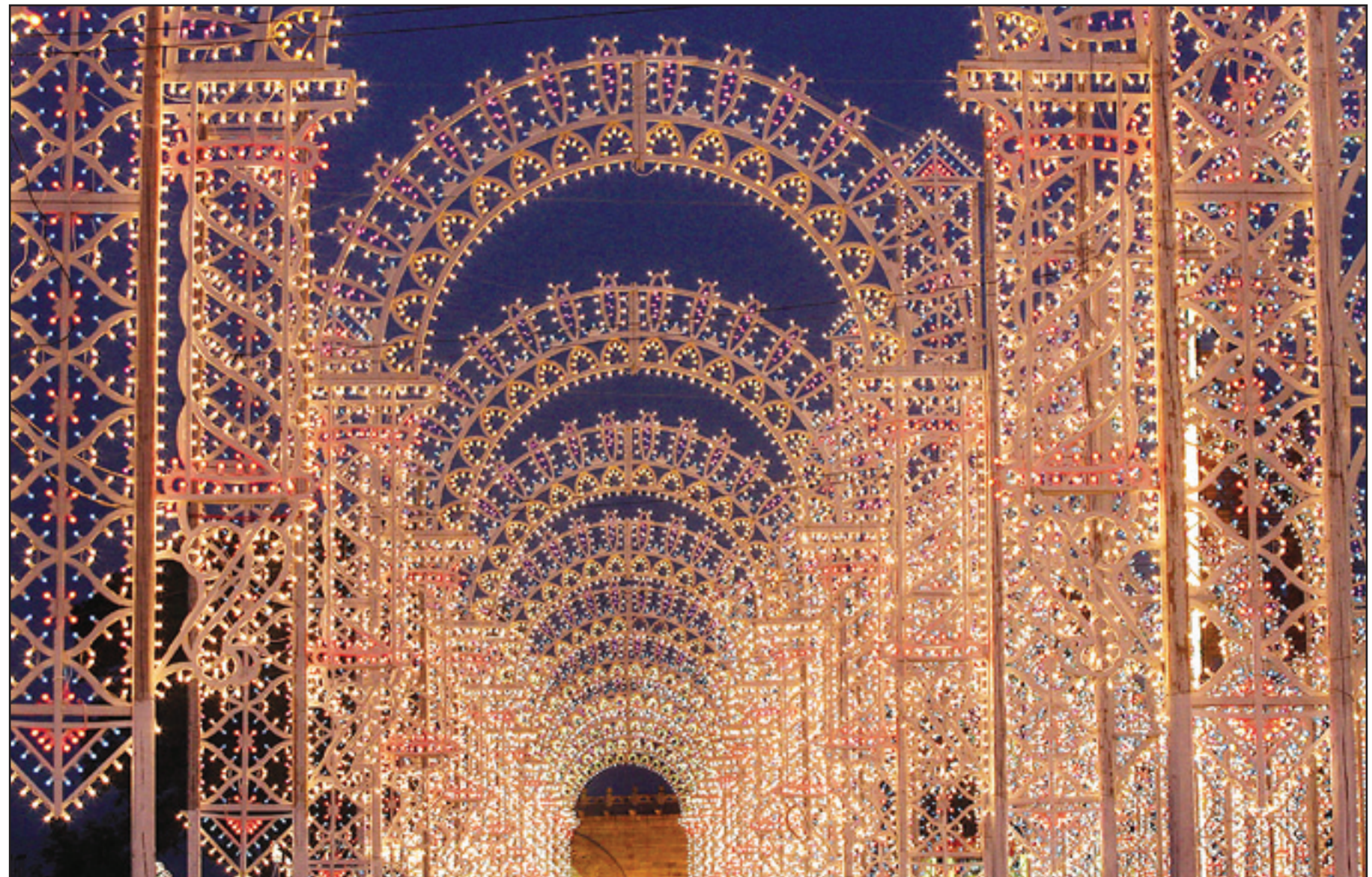
Giuseppe, the youngest boy in his family, began to take an interest in the family business when he was less than eight years old. He followed his father and three old brothers around the worksite, playing with a little hammer of his own. His brothers gradually moved into other lines of work. Giuseppe continued the family tradition.

"It is a tough job for young men. You have to keep traveling from place to place. But I just forget all these troubles the moment the lights go on," said Giuseppe.

He carried out his first project without direction from his father for a religious ceremony on Sicily at the age of 16. Two years later, Paulicelli senior put the family business into the hands of young Giuseppe, who managed to bring Paulicelli illuminations to countries like Germany, Spain, France, United States, Japan, and China.

Giuseppe is 62 now. His four sons have all entered the family baroque luminaire business. The youngest one is 18 now, but Giuseppe does not plan to quit yet.

"Luminaire is my life. I am not going to retire. I will keep going as long as I live," the old man said.



The Byzantine corridor

Photos by Rain Tian

Sex Collectors



The Secret World of Consumers, Connoisseurs, Curators, Creators, Dealers, Bibliographers, and Accumulators of 'Erotica'.

By Geoff Nicholson
(Simon & Schuster)

English author Geoff Nicholson, born in Sheffield in 1953, has written a flurry of novels. He lives in London and Los Angeles.

Key issues: art, erotica and eccentric collectors.

So what's it all about?

A book of modest ambition and minor pleasures, *Sex Collectors* lets readers enjoy tourism-by-proxy as Nicholson hits many of the usual suspects among collectors of erotica and pornography, from Cynthia Plaster Caster – who's attained a sad sort of countercultural fame by making plaster casts of famous people's genitals – to porn superstar Linda Lovelace to the Kinsey Institute. But he also finds time to visit less-expected characters, like Third Eye Blind's manager, an obsessive seemingly intent on collecting not just complete sets of erotic magazines, but rather everything under the sun

– Nathan Rabin, *A.V. Club*

Ok, a book about sex is always going to arouse a modicum of interest. But sex aside, this is about collectors, how interesting can it really get?

We may not want to admit it, but all of us – yes, even you – have at one time or another owned a sexual artifact . . . think porn tape, 'dirty' magazine. But a true sex collector takes the erotic embrace much further, acquiring and hoarding objects that sometimes stagger the mind. Author Geoff Nicholson introduces readers to a myriad of sex-obsessed fans – meet the 69-year-old Florida widow whose 4,000-piece collection is worth \$5 million. Funny, smart and irreverent, *Sex Collectors* is a welcome look at the meld of art and pornography.

– Alan W Petrucelli, *The Entertainment Report*

Well it certainly sounds like we get to meet some interesting characters... how does Nicholson treat them?

Instead of profiling the collectors, Nicholson devotes entirely too much time to rummaging through their collections. At times, he is also too respectful. He's treading on delicate territory, since these people are opening their homes and, in some instances, the most intimate aspects of their psyches. Still, by constantly reassuring us of their basic

decency, he presumes a degree of prudishness on his readers' part that seems unlikely. This is a book that will be read by people who derive a certain pervy pleasure from the limitless capacity of humans to be, well, pervy, and he needn't make excuses for his subjects' interests

– Dan Savage, *The Los Angeles Times*

So he doesn't really get the most out of his subjects?

Nicholson tries his best to find the nugget of humanity, the passion within the obsessiveness, in each of his subjects. He's such an appealing writer that you want him to succeed. Sadly, Nicholson's chosen territory turns out to be surprisingly unsexy. (...) It's perhaps unkind, but also true, that I found myself thinking wistfully that I'd prefer to have talked to Nicholson about his book at a dinner party than to have actually read it. However many

puckish asides he serves up (...) even the liveliest account of someone else's collection finally shrivels to a list of lists of lists

– Emily Nussbaum, *The New York Times Book Review*

"Shrivels to a list of lists of lists"...does Nicholson really succeed in making the subject of sex boring?

Nicholson proves an ideal guide to the strange and fascinating subculture of porn collectors. He's intelligent without being pretentious, flappable without being prudish, and affectionate without being overly reverent. More a meditation on collecting than a treatise on sex, his book eventually coalesces into a lightly philosophical exploration of why people amass erotica. And it's equally interested in ascertaining whether sexual adventuring represents a form of collecting, a way of piling up ephemeral experiences rather than keepsakes and curios.

Ultimately, *Sex Collectors* settles on collecting – experiences and objects alike – as a way of refuting the harsh finality of death. The book itself is little more than an amusing trifle, but the breezy pleasure it affords is substantial

– Nathan Rabin, *A.V. Club*

Really? The book is "lightly philosophical" and "an amusing trifle" all at the same time?

Sex Collectors is good fun, filled with the slightly bizarre (but only whiffs of the truly depraved and dirty), lots of good stories, and some interesting observations and opinions about collecting. Breezily written, it is a perfectly fine, amusing read – but little more. Meandering, it's far from comprehensive; indeed, it largely reads like a collection of magazine-profiles

– The Complete Review

(By Tom Mackenzie)



Fig. 1

SEX COLLECTORS

The Secret World of Consumers, Connoisseurs, Curators, Creators, Dealers, Bibliographers, and Accumulators of "Erotica"

Geoff Nicholson

Local shelf

Death, Love, Hate, Pleasure, Pain

By Elizabeth A. T. Smith, Alison Pearlman and Julie Rodrigues

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, 495 pages, 765 yuan

A selection of approximately 190 works from the museum's collection. A wide-ranging, insightful survey, arranged in roughly chronological order, it features work by such artists as Vito Acconci, Magdalena Abakanowicz, Francis Bacon, Matthew Barney, Mariko Mori, Martin Puryear, Yinka Shonibare, and HC Westermann. In an introductory essay, chief curator Elizabeth Smith discusses key trends in art from World War II to the present and provides a brief history of the MCA and its collection.



Just above the mantelpiece

By Wayne Hemingway
Booth-Clibborn, 272 pages, 446 yuan

If you've ever been curious about the kitschy paintings you've found at a thrift store, then check out this book; it features the most famous of pop-culture mass-market pieces, from big-eyed children and pets to voluptuous half-naked women and horses. The author makes a heartfelt case for the cultural importance of these paintings. Using the example of his own grandmother, a collector, Hemingway discusses the significance of mass-market art for the middle and working classes and compares it to the rest of the art market.

Available:

Timezone 8 Art books

Where: Jia 24-2 Meishuguan Dong Dajie, Dongcheng

Contact: 6400 4427

Miracle in the Andes

By Nando Parrado
Orion Books, 274 pages, 255 yuan

The story of the 1972 Andes plane crash and rescue, made famous by Piers Paul Read in his book *Alive*, finally told by one of the heroes who saved his teammates. Parrado's unique viewpoint brings a new perspective to this remarkable story. His hugely inspirational tale shows how the strength of the human spirit, the close bond of friendship and faith can make you achieve the impossible. He explains how, once you realize that you must surely die, no risk becomes too great.

Available:

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(By Wang Xiaoyuan)



Outside Fish Nation

Photo provided by Fish Nation

Fish Nation: fighting for the honor of British cuisine

By Chu Meng

Movies tell us that the Chinese take-away has been a familiar sight on British high streets for half a century. But Chinese diners have had to wait until now for the chance to grab an 'English.'

Fish Nation, which opened in the Sanlitun bar district of Beijing less than a year ago, claims to be the first fish and chip take-away shop on the Chinese mainland. The new branch of Fish Nation has done an excellent job of blending traditional, British fare with its hutong surroundings since January. This Dongcheng location features classically Chinese architecture and furnishings, as well as a real fireplace right in the middle of the dining area, which may not sound so appealing during the summer heat, but it will definitely be a major draw in winter.

It serves battered cod with hand-cut chips. Traditionalists will be relieved to hear that the food arrives showered with salt and vinegar and wrapped in newspaper, which is unlike most modern Yorkshire chippies.

Fish Nation also offers vegetable tempura and deep-fried squid to tempt curious Chinese palates. The restaurant is already building a cult following, particularly among expatriates, helped by its having a late license and serving beer. Fish Nation's late license ensures the place is popular with the frenetic party scene.

A stroke of inspiration from a British wife and her Chinese husband has resulted in this unlikely import of UK cuisine. Louisa Lim, the owner, was a BBC correspondent in Beijing. When her bosses posted her to Beijing in 2003, they did not realize their decision would strike a blow for British cuisine on the other side of the globe.

"Chinese people's attitude towards British food can be summed up as disdain, combined with some pity. But my husband fell in love with fish and chips during one of his many visits to Britain. So I believe more Chinese people feel the same way," Lim said.

Fish Nation

Where: Old branch: 2 Sanlitun Beijie (around the corner from Poacher's Inn). (6415 0119) New branch: 31 Nanluogu Xiang, Dongcheng (6401 3249)
Open: Daily 11am-2am the next day.
Cost: 70 yuan per person

John Bull Pub

By Chu Meng

John Bull is one of the oldest bars in Beijing and bills itself as the city's only real British-style pub. The heavy-wood decor and menu cries out pub, but the atmosphere does not, except when there is sport on TV. The Guinness could be better, but the fish and chips are among the best in the city. The classic Yorkshire pudding and bangers and mash are reasonable approximations.

While John Bull offers 'pub food' under the genial guidance of a new chef, the menu has been extended to include on a la carte lunch and dinner dishes that cater for all tastes. Whether you are in need of a quick snack or something more, the menu offers traditional fare in fish and chips and shepherd's pie, and more exotic staples such as chicken-stuffed pita sandwiches and delicious seafood chowder.

As a genuine English pub, it also features live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday by Chito-Solo, a band specializing in oldies and country music. Located in the embassy district, the John Bull Pub provides a little slice of Britain. From the decor to the beers to the hearty menu, it feels like a home away from home for some.

John Bull Pub

Where: 44 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang (North of the Jianguomenwai diplomatic compound, on the corner of Guanghua Road)

Open: Daily 11am - 0:30am next day

Tel: 6532 5905/6502

All about fish and chips

By Chu Meng

I read a thought-provoking article in *The Economist* in 2005. It said that "One of the great mysteries of the 20th century is how British food got so bad. In the Middle Ages, it seems to have been rather tasty and surprisingly Middle Eastern, with generous use of spices and almonds."

The article produced a plausible explanation, putting the blame on the industrial revolution. During the 19th century, the rising middle classes aped the habits of the aristocracy. Titled women never went into the kitchen, so middle-class 'ladies' abandoned cooking for more refined pursuits. A century ago the art of cookery was fashionable among English girls and Englishwomen...nowadays, piano mania and reception rooms are all that they think of; cookery is out of use, and only practised by the lower orders."

However, things have improved dramatically over the past 20 years. Newspapers, such as *The Guardian*, are full of recipes and restaurant reviews; the cities are packed with new restaurants exploring the latest taste fad; even the Fat Duck, a restaurant in London, was at the top of the World's Top 50 Restaurants (2005) list.

Unfortunately, most Chinese diners, just like myself, actually know nothing about authentic British food, apart from fish and chips. This is reflected in the one and the only one lesson about Britain in our English textbooks in middle school, and the fact that 'fish and chips' was the only thing mentioned in it, in terms of food.

But below are all great British-styled restaurants or pubs serving a variety of food in Beijing. I hope they can help you fill in the gaps left by your middle school textbook.

Enjoy 'football free' peace in Rose House's blue mirror hall

By Wang Xiaoyuan

There are a lot of places that are not showing the World Cup, and the Rose House is one of them. It is a place that forces you to be quiet and behave properly, as the only things that can be found there are roses, tea leaves, and Bach.

Rose House has a 'tea map' on a mirror. It reveals the origins of the tea we drink in Asia and the way it was exported. One hundred different types of tea are available in the teahouse. Besides the classic Earl Grey, Darjeeling and Assam, herbal fruit tea is also very popular. The teas blended with rose extracts are particularly unusual. The pick for a warm day is Classic Rose (50 yuan per jug). It takes 15 fresh rose petals to flavor each jug, which gives a totally distinctive and refreshing taste. Their 15th Anniversary Tea also blends varieties of fruit flavor and some medically used herbals. The sour and sweet taste creates a healthy experience.

Prices for teas and coffee are all around the 50-yuan mark. Rose House also serves set lunches and dinners (pasta, noodles, curry rice, Mexican beef rice, etc.) for around 60 yuan. The Victorian Afternoon Tea for about 120 yuan is a delicious and decadent way to snack your way through an afternoon-sipping tea, nibbling on scones (perhaps this is the only place you can taste British scones in town), biscuits, and cheesecake.

Rose House

Where: 9-11, F1, Henderson Center, 18 Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng

Open: 10am-10pm

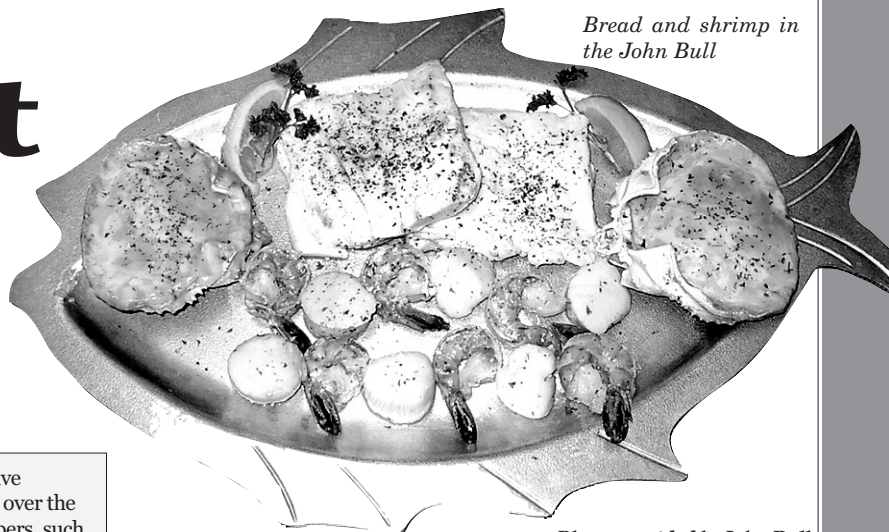
Cost: 50-80 yuan per person

Tel: 6518 1812



Enjoy tea in Rose House

Photo provided by Rose House



Bread and shrimp in the John Bull

Photo provided by John Bull

The Brewery Tap Pub: enjoy a night of traditional Irish music

By Chu Meng

While Beijing has its share of many English style pubs, like the John Bull Pub, the newly opened Brewery Tap has quickly distinguished itself from the rest. Located in the Blue Castle Apartment complex, the pub is far away from any competitors, yet close to many thirsty Beijingers.

More important is the fact that customers can enjoy the wide selection of English and Belgian beers at a considerable discount during the daily 'happy hour', which runs from 5pm to 8pm. Given that their Chimay only costs 39 yuan, savings can add up quickly. As an extra surprise, you can eat as much Nepalese curry as you like during 'happy hour' for a very reasonable price.

The interior is styled as a British pub, with wooden tables and bar chairs, and the cozy and quiet booths upstairs allow you the



Enjoy the happy hour

space to relax and enjoy traditional Irish music.

With a large and comfortable layout, the Brewery Tap is a great place to start a night or end up after work.

The Brewery Tap Pub

Where: S111A, Bluecastle International Apartment, 3 West Dawang Lu (near Dawanglu Subway station), Chaoyang

Open: Monday to Friday 5pm-1am, Saturday to Sunday 3pm-1am

Happy Hour: 5-8pm daily all beverage 30 percent off

Tel: 6800 1621

Understanding dishes in British pubs or restaurants

By Chu Meng

In this section we hope to gradually list many of the foods you might come across at British pubs or restaurants. They may have peculiar names or strange-sounding ingredients, but here we are going to try to explain what they are.

Cream Tea

A Cream Tea is not a cup of tea with some cream in it, but actually a snack that is a specialty of England. If you order a Cream Tea you are normally given two scones, jam and cream plus a pot of tea. You split the scones in half and spread jam on them and then add cream on top.

Ploughman's Lunch

You often see this on a pub menu. It is a cold meal consisting of a large piece of white bread, a chunk of cheese and a

salad garnish, with pickled fruit and vegetable pieces.

Bangers and Mash

This is actually a slang term for sausages and mashed potato. If sausages are cooked at too high a temperature sometimes their skins split and this makes a loud 'bang' as they burst, which is how they got this name. Often this dish is served with savory gravy and green vegetables.

Toad in the Hole

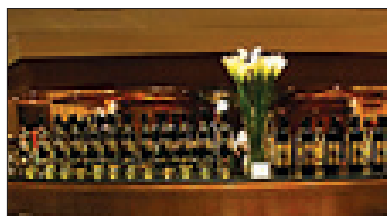
Fortunately this has nothing to do with eating frogs! Sausages are baked slowly in an oven. A batter consisting of eggs, flour and milk is poured over the sausages and the mix is cooked together.

Jacket Potatoes

A favorite snack food often found on sale in cafes and pubs. A large potato is cooked slowly in an oven until soft. A cut is made across the top of the potato and a filling, such as cheese or prawns, is added.

Special offer

Traders Hotel (1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang)'s special offer including gourmet Asian and western sandwiches, salads, rice dishes, freshly squeezed juices, and more. Free delivery within the China World Trade Center vicinity and 500 meters from Traders Hotel. For information, call 6505 2277 ext. 35.



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Sogo Shopping Mall (8 Xuanwumenwai Dajie, Xuanwu) is celebrating its 8th anniversary. Spend 100 yuan and get a 38-98 yuan voucher. For details, call 6310 3388.



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Purchase an Umbro football strip and get a free present. Get a pair of football socks when you purchase a pair of football boots at Dangdai Shopping Mall (40 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian) until June 30. For details, call 6269 6212.



10% off

Eat at Feng Long Tan Restaurant (Wangdi Center, Chaoyang) now and enjoy 10% off during dinner time until June 28. The restaurant offers Taiwan and South East dishes. For details, call 5131 6015.



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(By Terence Lu)

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Frighetto: the dialogue between men and space

Trends



Frighetto - Bloob

Modern women prefer a cozy home to a steady man, which protects their femininity and reflects their taste. Shi Xiaoyan, the chairwoman of Illinois Furniture Company, says the top three things she's interested in are furniture, cars and clothes.

Italy's 'Frighetto Industrie' is one of Shi's favorite brands. They combine versatile products that comple-

ment a variety of tastes and requirements of customers from more than 60 countries. Founded by Pier Luigi Frighetto in 1979, the company now produces everything from sofas and armchairs to beds and wardrobes unconcerned with passing fads and designed by a team of designers from different backgrounds and schools.

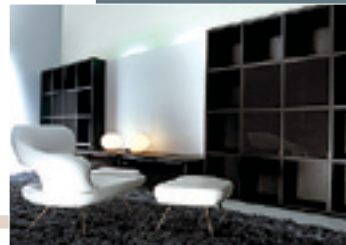
"I like to think that between the space and the ones who live in it, an elective affinity can be established, that imaginary thread linking objects to places, places to men, men to objects." Such is the underlying design philosophy of Frighetto. "My wish is to draw this affinity. To give it voice. To confirm it in a sign. To take it to a visual language, which is free and universal."



Frighetto - Triblob



Frighetto - Spline



Frighetto - Oasi

Minimalism

Minimalism and a move towards simplicity have triggered a resurgence of interest in modern furniture. Characterized by streamlined surfaces and fuss-free patterns, they're always sleek with shiny, glossy elements adding interest.

This style of the ever-expanding yet selective Frighetto catalog comes from designers like Karim Rashid, Taco Langius and Freelab. For instance, the Slide Lo/Slide Hi armchair and love-seat by Langius is a piece of minimalist function-driven ingenuity with its sliding seat and adjustable back inclination. By contrast, the Bloob stool by Rashid, which resembles a bike seat, is both utilitarian and eye-catching with an adjustable swivel base in matte chrome-plated steel.

"I define my work as Sensual Minimalism, or Sensualism, where objects communicate, engage, and inspire yet remain fairly minimal," says Karim Rashid.

Teejay, a modern furniture lover, posts Rashid's Swing armchair on her website, saying it looks so comfortable like it's hugging her when sitting in it. "This swivel chair has beautiful curves that combines masculinity and femininity." Rashid believes his works are softer, friendlier, organic forms that communicate tactility and express a strong comfort and heighten pleasure.

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Evolution by Karim Rashid (2004)

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Sculptural objects

People familiar with Ross Lovegrove know that he is influenced by art – his objects are sculptural, but they don't have the formal self-sufficiency of true sculpture. "Everything I do is intended to be used by human beings and is pleasant to touch," he says. "Sensuality thus becomes a medium for aesthetic experience in its original meaning of feeling or perception."

The most remarkable work by Lovegrove for Frighetto must be Oasi (2004), the lounge chair matched with a pouf. It has been met with worldwide acclaim because of its stylish originality.

The steel frame is covered with mould polyurethane foam, and the legs are in satin-finished nickel. Sculptural and upholstered in brilliant colors, the chair invites reclining.

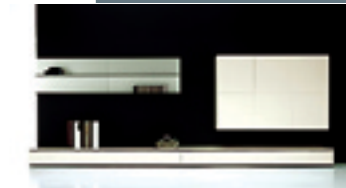
No wonder that critics particularly admire the delicate way in which the chair meets the ground with a small clear plastic foot so that it appears to be floating in thin air. It was, they felt, "a move away from heavy fetishistic bases".

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Supernatural, the work of Ross Lovegrove by Ross Lovegrove (2004)



Frighetto style



Frighetto - LUZ



Frighetto - Dennis

Multi-functionality

Most people in China live and work in fairly small spaces and have limited cash to spend on decorating. This may be why multi-purpose furniture, which fulfills a number of roles and can be fitted into small spaces, is becoming increasingly popular.

These practical concepts govern the designs of Norberto Delfinetti and Monica Bernasconi from Delfinetti Design Associati. They seem to enjoy exploring the different functions hidden in furniture. A good example is the sleek Luz set that features drawers integrated with other elements – a wooden shelf, an aluminum shelf, square, vertical and horizontal containers that are available in new chromatic versions including a hi-gloss lacquer, rosewood and coffee rosewood.

In the same spirit of multi-functionality, the More is born as a multipurpose container with a flat top and shelves on either side. The sliding door on the middle section allows you to reveal or conceal much as desired. This sleek black and white piece boasts a coat of high-gloss paint. It can be used as a bar, as well as a hi-fi or TV unit.

Delfinetti suggests that the decoration tends to hide something. "Practicality is at the root of the shape, but the shape can't govern practicality without first knowing its requirements. So we have to increase these requirements by multiplying our ambitions."

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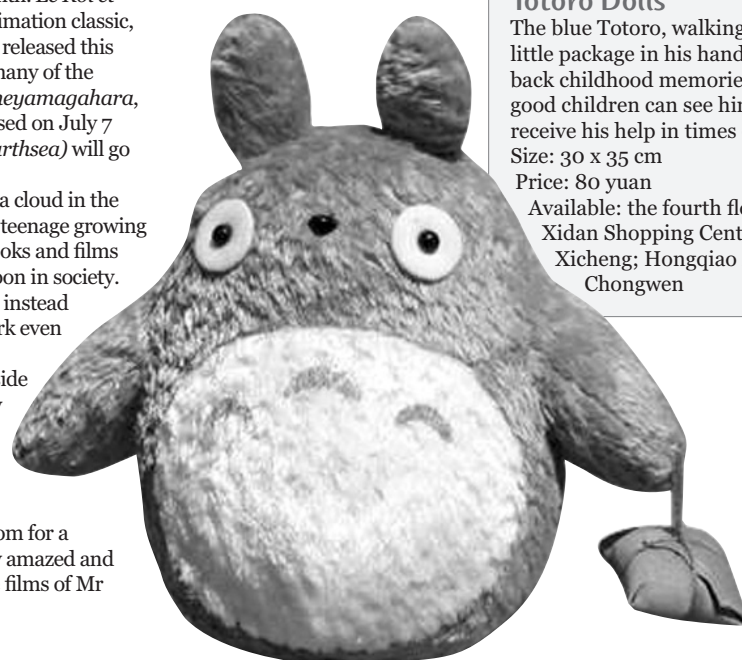
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Frighetto - Oasi
(By Shelley Xie)

Ghibli, the animated film studio founded by Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, is going to release three films next month. *Le Roi et L'Oiseau* (*The King and the Mockingbird*), a French animation classic, scripted by the celebrated poet, Jacques Prevert, will be released this summer. The story has been a source of inspiration to many of the current generation of Japanese animators. *Night of Taneyamagahara*, by Kazuo Oga, the studio's art director, is set to be released on July 7 in Japan. *The soundtrack of Gedo Senki* (*Tales from Earthsea*) will go on sale on July 29.

Hayao Miyazaki's fans say that his animation is like a cloud in the wind. His work is the marriage of childhood memories, teenage growing pains and humanity. The characters he creates in his books and films symbolize people in the minority, those looked down upon in society. And his insistence on hand-painting all of his creations, instead of using computer-generated visual effects, wins his work even greater praise.

Although his name is still not yet widely known outside Japan, people in the entertainment industry are already referring to him as a 'master animator'. John Lasseter, director of Pixar's *A Bug's Life* and *Toy Story* series, said, "At Pixar, when we have a problem and we can't seem to solve it, we often take a laser disc of one of Mr Miyazaki's films and look at a scene in our screening room for a shot of inspiration. And it always works! We come away amazed and inspired. *Toy Story* owes a huge debt of gratitude to the films of Mr Miyazaki."



Totoro Dolls

The blue Totoro, walking with a little package in his hand, brings back childhood memories. Only good children can see him and receive his help in times of need.

Size: 30 x 35 cm

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Miyazaki's world: an eternal childhood



Totoro cell phone case

Protect your cell phone on a rainy day as Totoro use the lotus leaf as his umbrella.

Price: 10 - 15 yuan

Available: Huoniao toys shop, Xijiekou Huokou, Xicheng



Totoro money bank series

Save your childhood in these money banks. Designs include the Totoro bus, baby Totoro and mother Totoro.

Material: Plastic

Price: 120 yuan (four items)

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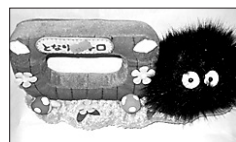


Plane model

This is the plane of Nausicaa of the *Valley of the Wind*, one of Miyazaki's most famous works. Though it is in the color of wood, its shape and structure is almost as same as what you see in the film. You can paint it any way you want.

Price: 150 yuan

Available: Hongqiao Market, Chongwen



Susuwatari Photo frame

You can't call yourself a real Ghibli fan if you don't recognize this little guy at first glance. Yes, this is Susuwatari, or Sootballs, the coal sprite, a naughty troublemaker hiding in the attic. Feel the fluffy guy and put a photo in the frame.

Price: 80 yuan

Available: the fourth floor, Xidan Shopping Center; the II section of New World Shopping Center, Chongwen



Ghibli DVD collection

Seventeen films produced by Ghibli, including *My Neighbors the Yamadas*, *Only Yesterday*, *Grave of the Fire Flies*, *Howl's Moving Castle*, *Laputa: Castle in the Sky*. A Totoro doll is included.

Price: 480 yuan

Available: Hongyun Music Store, East Xijiekou Bei Da Jie, Xicheng



Music score and soundtrack download

Download the music and piano scores from Miyazaki's films for free. The website is for music fans and players around the world. Just play and listen!

Available: http://piano.ccjt.net/songlist_8.htm



Kiki's Delivery Service (Picture book in Japanese)

This film produced by Miyazaki's studio, Ghibli in 1989, is based on Masamune Shirow's picture book, which won the 23rd Noma Award for Juvenile Literature in 1985. A young witch loses her magical powers when she enters adulthood. She must learn to live without them.

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Perpetual calendar of Jiji and Lily

Perpetual calendar shaped like a doughnut and held at either end by Kiki's cat Jiji and his partner Lily. Jiji lost his ability to talk like a human being when he fell in love with Lily.

Price: 180 yuan

Available: the fourth floor, Xidan Shopping Center, the II section of New World Shopping Center



Ghibli DVD player

Isn't it cute? This is usually only available in the Ghibli museum in Mitaka. Though it is a little bit expensive, for die-hard fans it's worth it.

Price: US \$180

Available:

<http://stores.ebay.com/oriverken>
(By Wang Xiaoyuan)

Health&diet astrology

Your astrological chart describes your unique constitutional makeup. From this, a medical astrologer can identify health issues you are most likely to experience, as well as specific recommendations of what they can do to regain and maintain optimum well being. Astrology identifies four basic constitutional types: fire, earth, air and water.

The maintenance of health is a process of constant readjustment. We each tend to experience periods of excess or deficiency in our constitutional elements, which require adjustment of diet, lifestyle or even supplementation.

Fire Signs:

Aries / Leo / Sagittarius

Fire rules the function of internal combustion or digestion or absorption of food. Fire also purifies the system by burning off toxins, viruses, bacteria and fungus. Fire signs easily fight disease. Their constitution naturally tends toward high temperatures.

Take: Grains, root vegetables

Avoid: Spicy food, red meat

Air Signs:

Gemini / Libra / Aquarius

Air rules the nervous and circulatory systems and the function of movement, peristalsis, urination and breathing. Air people are easily stimulated, with quick and extremely sensitive minds that are easily thrown off balance and overwhelmed.

Take: lightly steamed vegetables, nuts, and croutons

Avoid: Raw foods, Grains, root crops, yeasty foods, refined sugar

Water signs:

Cancer / Scorpio / Pisces

The water element rules the reproductive and lymphatic systems and body liquids including blood, mucus and lymph. Water lubricates, flushes and cools the body. Water signs are exceptionally sensitive to their environment, particularly to fungi, bacteria and viruses.

Take: steamed vegetables, beans, and fruits

Avoid: oily foods, dairy, sweets, yeasty foods, breads and salt

Earth signs:

Taurus / Virgo / Capricorn

The earth element rules the skeletal and eliminatory systems. The earth element is essential for growth, reproduction and repair of tissue. Earth signs tend toward weight problems, tumor growth or glandular disorder. Overeating and a diet of heavy foods create excess earth. They often have beautiful strong teeth.

Take: fruit-salads, sprouts, steamed vegetables with spices added, juices, soups and teas

Avoid: heavier diets

Information available at:

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(By Chu Meng)

How can I...have more energy at work?

We've all had mornings where all we want to do is make a nest of post it notes on our keyboards and get our head down. And that's at 10 past nine. So how do the 100 watt smile, still sprightly after 12 hours crunching numbers bright young things manage to maintain their energy levels? And – more pertinently – how can we stop them making us look so bad, (without resorting to sabotage) and make everyone sit up and take notice of us for once? Our crack team of experts offers their sagely wisdom...

Vijay Kumar – Beijing yoga

"Get plenty of fiber. Try and keep as active as you can all day. It's best to eat plenty of fresh vegetables and green leaves – cook them according to your own taste and culture, the effect is the same, basically. Choose rice over fatty, fried carbohydrates and drink plenty of fresh fruit juices."

Nina Lenton – Dietician

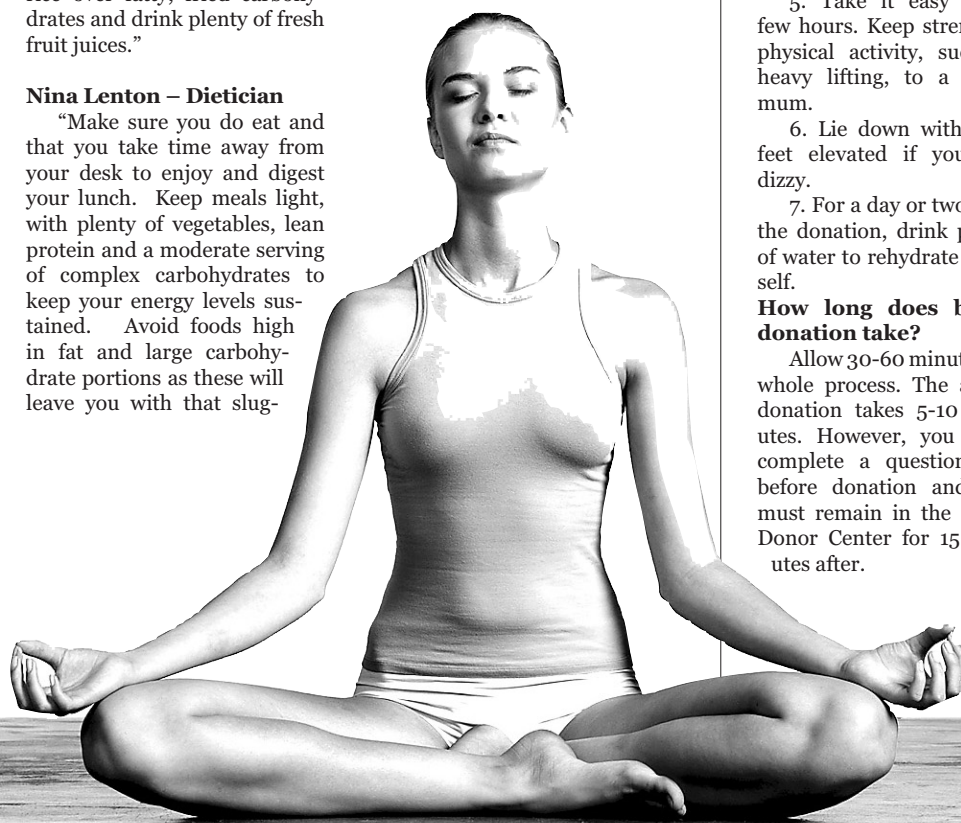
"Make sure you do eat and that you take time away from your desk to enjoy and digest your lunch. Keep meals light, with plenty of vegetables, lean protein and a moderate serving of complex carbohydrates to keep your energy levels sustained. Avoid foods high in fat and large carbohydrate portions as these will leave you with that slug-

gish after lunch feeling. Keep healthy snacks at hand such as raw nuts and fresh fruit. Drink plenty especially if the office is air conditioned – and don't rely too heavily caffeinated drinks – sip water, herbal tea and diluted fruit juice. Most importantly keep moving – take any opportunity you can to get up from your desk and move around."

Professor Shida Zhu – Wise old Chinese man

"I eat a lot of fruit, particularly American grapefruit. I also swim 1,500 meters every day. Having a healthy lifestyle early makes it easier to maintain. In the 1970s I used to swim in the river and then rest in the snow. It made me strong."

(By Gareth George)



Doctor's opinion: liposculpture

Dr Tony Prochazka:

It is summer time again. Even girls on Mars are energetically repeating a permanent routine of weight loss. Audrey Hepburn once said "weight loss is every single woman's goal in life."

Diet pills and weight loss products are very tempting things if you want to lose weight, especially if you have tried weight loss diets and workout programs without success. Please beware! Even the most

natural-sounding diet pills can be useless or dangerous. And most weight loss products are actually fraudulent.

The most effective method of weight loss is liposuction, as long as you ensure the surgeons are professionals with first-class equipment. It is the process of removing excess fat from various areas of the body via small, hollow instruments.

Now the latest generation machine called Smartlipo, pro-

vided by Bioscor International Clinic for Cosmetic Medicine in Beijing Branch, has turned liposuction into liposculpture. It is the latest technology breakthrough in performing Laserlipolysis. It is a technique that destroys fat deposits in specific areas of the body. Using a laser system, which breaks down the membranes of fat cells, the fats are naturally eliminated by the body.

Dr Tony Prochazka and Dr Fiona Chang are cosmetic



Information for Blood Donors: should I donate blood?

Why should I donate blood?

1. In China, someone needs a transfusion every three seconds.

2. 95 percent of all Chinese will need a blood or platelet transfusion sometime in their lives.

3. Healthy people are the only resource for blood and platelet transfusions.

How can I donate?

If you would like to donate blood, the Red Cross offers these suggestions:

1. Before the donation, eat foods rich in iron – red meat, fish, poultry or beans – and drink plenty of water.

2. Avoid high-fat foods, as they may skew some of the tests that the blood must undergo. Too much fat from these foods in your blood may render your donation useless.

3. At donation time, wear loose-fitting clothing with sleeves that can be easily rolled up above the elbow.

4. Rest for a few minutes after the blood has been drawn, and eat a snack before you leave the site.

5. Take it easy for a few hours. Keep strenuous physical activity, such as heavy lifting, to a minimum.

6. Lie down with your feet elevated if you feel dizzy.

7. For a day or two after the donation, drink plenty of water to rehydrate yourself.

How long does blood donation take?

Allow 30-60 minutes for whole process. The actual donation takes 5-10 minutes. However, you must complete a questionnaire before donation and you must remain in the Blood Donor Center for 15 minutes after.

What is whole blood donation?

Whole blood is divided into Packed Red Blood Cells and Fresh Frozen Plasma, helping at least two patients with each donation. Your body replaces the volume donated within 24 hours and the red blood cells donated within several weeks.

Blood from minority donors is always needed because different protein combinations are common to each race. The chances of finding the right blood for multiple-transfusion patients are increased when the donor is of the same race.

Autologous blood donation. Donating blood for your own surgery

When we receive a physician's order, patients may schedule appointments to donate blood for their own surgeries. The donated blood is refrigerated and stored in the hospital's blood bank for up to five weeks. This blood is held specifically for the person who donated it and may not be transfused to anyone else.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of autologous blood donation?

It is your own blood! It will not cause blood group antibodies and it will not transmit infectious diseases to the autologous recipient.

You may need to take additional iron to donate more than one time or to have a sufficient iron level for surgery. As with any transfusion, there is a slight risk of bacterial contamination in the unit of blood.

(By Chu Meng)

The exotic delights of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway



Qinghai Lake

Photo by Chen Jie from the Beijing News

The Qinghai-Tibet Plateau is located in the north-west part of China at an altitude of more than 3,500 meters. Qinghai Province and Tibet Autonomous Region are all in the area.

The Qinghai-Tibet Railway will be open from July 1. Starting your journey from Xining, you will gradually enjoy the change of scenery along the line. The changing scenes are like a symphony, with a lively rhythm and strong emotions. Every movement is a distinguishable feature, but is ultimately unified under the theme of highland character. The holy city, Lhasa, is at the end of this exciting journey. We will focus on the Qinghai Province section this week and our journey along the Qinghai-Tibet Railway will continue to the Tibet Autonomous Region next week.



Pantholops hodgsonii in Kekexili area

Starting from Xining, capital city of Qinghai Province

Xining city is regarded as the eastern gateway to the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. The city is located at an altitude of 2,260 meters. The color of the sky is a kind of crystal clear blue, which is typical in highland areas, and the air here is cool and clean.

However, the Xining area is not the real highlands. It is an agricultural area on the Huangshui River drainage area, which is the biggest branch of the Yellow River.

Ta Er Temple is a must-see destination in Xining. It is a famous Lama temple in China and the center for Buddhist activities in north-west China. 'Ta Er' means '100,000 figures of Buddha' in the Tibetan language. The ancient architecture is a combination of Tibetan and Han styles.

Besides, the Dongguan Mosque, one of the four major mosques of northwest China, the Sun and Moon Mountain, and the North Mountain are all places worth visiting.



Snow on Kunlun Mountain

Photo by Tony Wei



A family living between Qinghai Lake and the Qinghai-Tibet Railway

Photo by Chen Jie from the Beijing News

Qinghai Lake

The train departs from the north bank of Qinghai Lake, which is 150 kilometers away from Xining at an altitude of 3,200 meters. The water of the lake is icy, containing large quantities of salt. It is the biggest salt water lake in China. Herdsmen of the Tibetan and Mongolian minority live around the lake. While the train travels through some towns, you may see them dressed in their traditional clothes. The best time to visit Qinghai Lake is in July and August. The vast cole flower fields and the deep blue lake form a beautiful picture.

Kunlun Spring

Continuing the journey south, the train will pass another important city along the line called Ge'ermu, which means 'a place with a great numbers of rivers' in the Mongolian language.

Leaving Ge'ermu, the train enters Kunlun Cordillera. Then, it will stop at Nachitai Station, one of the eight stations that the train stops for 20 minutes to allow passengers to view the scenery. The famous Kunlun Spring is at Nachitai, 90 kilometers away from Ge'ermu. It is an ice-free spring. The spring is said to be poured from a heavenly palace and is regarded as holy water by local people. The spring water spouts out endlessly, is clear and tasty, and contains a large amount of minerals.

Kekexili (Hoh Xil) and wild animal channels

From Kunlun Mountain Pass to the south, the train will enter Yushu Tibet Autonomous Prefecture. The fourth station, at Chuma'er River, is not far from Kunlun Mountain.

The landscape here is quite different. It is high, cold, desolate and boundless grassland. Few people come here, so it is called Kekexili, a desolate place where no people live. It is the third largest desolate place in the world, and the largest in China. You will see three to four natural reserve stations along the line. At Kekexili, you can feel an obvious change in the climate. The air is no longer dry but is freezing. The wind blows with fewer sand grains, but more strongly.

There is a wild animal passage along the railway for about 20 kilometers long especially for Tibetan antelopes' seasonal migration. It is actually a long railway bridge, supporting on three to four-meter-high dement piers. Enough spaces are left between each pier for wild animals to go through.

(By Jackie Zhang)



Kunlun Mountain Pass

Snow on Kunlun Mountain

Going inside the Kunlun Cordillera, the mountains you see appear to be lofty and grand. The station after Nachitai is Yuzhu Peak station. The Yuzhu Peak is at a 6,178-meter altitude, and is surrounded by 15 peaks of more than 5,000 meters high. The ice and snow at the top of the peak never thaw throughout the year.

The pass of the Kunlun Mountain Range is the third station on the line. People can take pictures at the Kunlun Mountain Pass Monument and Hohxil Natural Reserves Monument. There are also some heaps of rock and flags that were used by the Tibetan people to sacrifice Mountain Gods. Kunlun Mountain is regarded the origin of many Chinese fairy tales, such as *A Journey to the West*, and *White Snake Legend*.

Vancouver – Light up your summer with fireworks

Vancouver, the third biggest city in Canada, will hold its annual Celebration of Light next month. Four countries will be invited to give firework performances at English Bay and will also compete to dazzle the crowds.



English Bay

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Firework celebrations at English Bay

Firework celebration at English Bay

English Bay is a beautiful beach in the south-western corner of downtown Vancouver's West End neighborhood.

When the weather's sunny and warm, English Bay is a popular area for tanning or swimming. Even during the off season the beach always attracts people to enjoy the views. You can always guarantee a beautiful view of the mountains, islands, and water.

In the summer months English Bay often attracts performing artists and buskers, from musicians to fire jugglers. Hot dog vendors stay there year round.

The Celebration of Light, the annual international fireworks competition, is the most famous event to take place at English Bay, which takes place during four nights at the end of July and the beginning of August. The celebration had an old name – Symphony of Fire, which reveals the style of the fireworks show – they are all displays to music.

Each year, four countries are invited to give a performance. This summer they are Italy, China, the Czech Republic and Mexico. The shows take place on July 26 and 29, and August 2 and 5. Each show will start from 10 pm and last for approximately 25 minutes, and the final show will last for around 30 minutes.

English Bay is also one of many stops along downtown Vancouver's seawall. Just to the north-west of English Bay is the entrance to Stanley Park. To the south of English Bay is False Creek, where you can get a ferry over to Granville Island.

The best part about English Bay is that you can get to it from downtown Vancouver. If you're staying at a hostel in downtown, you can take a bus, ride your bike, or just simply walk down to English Bay. You're never more than 30 minutes away. Nearby on English Bay are many cafes and affordable restaurants on Denman Street. If you're looking to go somewhere for an after dinner stroll, or if you want to enjoy a coffee while watching the sunset, English Bay is the place to be.



Stanley Park

Stanley Park

Stanley Park is the largest 'city park' in North America and an evergreen oasis of 400 hectares (1,000 acres) close to the heart of Vancouver's downtown core. Its natural west coast atmosphere offering a back drop of majestic cedar, hemlock and fir trees embraces visitors and transports them to an environment rich in tranquility.

Rose Garden in the park is a beautiful and enhancing place to visit. Summer is the best season to visit as you will be assailed by a sensuous array of colors and smells. The garden holds a magnificent display of about 275 varieties of roses and more than 3,000 individual bushes.

If you walk along the Stanley Park Drive you will eventually arrive at the Lost Lagoon, which is located at the park's southeast edge and is a good place to watch out for wildlife.

If you wish to feed the birds, it is important that you get them proper wild bird seeds. Feeding birds human food such as bread and cakes, can threaten the birds, especially birds which are migrating as they require the complex energy of unprocessed food for long distance flight.

If you come during the months of May right through to September, there is a free shuttle service that runs from 9:30 am to 6 pm. It will pick you up at the entrance of the park and stops along various spots so you can get off and take pictures.

Address: West end of Georgia Street, Vancouver



Science World

Science World

Science World sits on the banks of False Creek in the Vancouver waterfront. The Giant dome is actually the movie screen for the Omnimax theatre.

It is a great destination to spend at least half a day for people of all ages. They always have new and different exhibitions going on with a certain theme and then permanent exhibitions. You also should consider buying a double pass for science world and the Omnimax, which specializes in films on nature and science.

Address: Science World, TELUS World of Science, 1455 Quebec Street, Vancouver

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 10 am to 5 pm; weekends and holidays from 10 am to 6 pm. (By Jackie Zhang)

Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

Located in the hustle and bustle downtown of Vancouver, Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden is the first authentic Ming-dynasty style garden built outside of China.

The garden is named after the founder of the first Chinese Republic. It contains multiple buildings in oriental style and maintains a balance between vegetation, rocks and pools. The gardens are so relaxing because they are inclosed by walls. As a result, even though it is located in downtown Vancouver, you feel as if you are in a rustic place.

Address: 578 Carrall Street, Vancouver

Ticket price: \$6.50 CAD (\$4 USD) for adults, \$5.00 CAD (\$3.20 USD) for seniors, \$4.00 CAD (\$2.55 USD) for students and children and \$18 CAD (\$11.50 USD) for families.



Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden



By Han Manman

"We gave job offers to these four young people and had 100 percent confidence in them. Their sincerity, intelligence, enthusiasm for the work and willingness to learn made them the perfect candidates to join Ford's team. Their energy and academic backgrounds have meant they have been able to keep up with more experienced members of the team," said Ford's training and development manager. Working in different departments, these four employees quickly progressed during their internships. Below they tell us how they made the most of the opportunity and what they did to impress their employers.



Motoring towards success with an internship at Ford



Jackie Ji: Graduated from the department of Automotive Engineering at Tongji University. She did a three-month internship before starting work in the Planning and Development Department.

Unlike other Fortune 500 companies, the interview was very relaxed. My first interview focused on my English ability and the second interview on my personal experiences and what value I would bring to the job if I were selected. The interviewer did not try to trap or trick me.

I was asked to go to Chongqing on the very first day of my work for Ford.

Past experience had taught me not to expect very much on my

first day as an intern. But at Ford I was immediately asked to go to Chongqing to take part in a meeting there.

I was asked to take the minutes at the meeting in Chongqing and only really understood what it was about several months later.

The job I applied for after my internship was as a Ford Graduate Trainee (GT). I think the main reason they hired me was because I am suited to Ford's company culture.

Comments from Ford's training and development manager:

For a long time, Jackie was doing programs between Shanghai and Chongqing focusing on automotive product design. As an intern, we never heard her complain or ask for extra money to pay for taxi fares to the airport or for her accommodation in Chongqing. She is very independent and is very well organized.



Laura Liu: Currently working as a GT in the Public Affairs Department and will be offered a job this August after getting a master's degree in mass communication from Fudan University in July.

My job interview for Ford was really easy and after being accepted I soon bonded with my new workmates. What impressed me were Ford's instructions: 'Learning by Doing'.

Working in the public affairs department I needed to have good language and communication skills. I majored in English and got a masters degree in mass communication, so I was well suited to the job.

If my education background and internship experience was the hardware, then my confidence and enthusiasm for work could be called the software.

For college students who want to find work as an intern, I suggest they be proactive. Test different things out to see what you enjoy and what you are suited to. You should also be patient when you are doing your internship. If you get involved and are enthusiastic you will learn a lot.

What is GT?

Ford's internships are structured around its various career development programs. Each department offers both a summer internship and a two-year program for college graduates.

In 1951, Henry Ford II launched the Ford Graduate Training Program to develop company leaders. Today, Ford College Graduate program is a program that provides experience and training at the outset of the graduate career.

The graduates work with his or her mentor to plan out a personal program of developmental assignments that reflect their inter-

ests and the company's needs. They receive support, coaching and mentoring from the program mentor as well as their immediate supervisors. They explore different aspects of their professional field, so they can make informed choices about their career growth.

Since the program's inception, there have been separate versions for engineering, purchasing and other hiring organizations. While a typical program may include four assignments in two years, each organization has designed the best way to develop the talent and leadership Ford needs.



Tian Jiaqing: Awarded a masters degree in automotive engineering from Tongji University. Currently working as a GT in Research and Engineering Center and will be offered a job this August.

Before formally becoming a GT I did a three-month internship at Ford. Unlike my other internship experiences, Ford always gives interns real projects to work on and get their teeth into. My mentor gave me a lot of advice and helped me to change from being a student to being a professional employee. At the start, I found it difficult to adapt to the different

roles. My boss pushed me and pushed me and I felt under a lot of stress. The boss also taught me about problem solving. It was a very good experience for me. American culture is about being yourself, coming up with your own ideas and working with passion. But I am quite traditionally Chinese, conservative and modest, so the internship was a big test for me.

Comments from Ford's training and development manager:

Martin (Jiaqing Tian) is a comparatively quiet person. When he was an intern we hardly heard his voice but we always heard his

boss praising him. When the engineering department moved from Shanghai to Nanjing, Martin had just finished his final master's course overseas. I remember he arrived in Shanghai on July 31 last year and came to work the

next day. He had not even had time to rent a room in Nanjing but had come straight to work and that impressed us. This persevering and steady graduate immediately gained the trust of his boss and colleagues.



Mandy: Graduated from the department of Financial English at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. After doing a one and a half month internship, she started work at the department.

My second interview at Ford impressed me a lot. The interviewer was very experienced. He asked a lot about my previous internship at an HR consulting company. He asked me if I had to solve any problems and if I had come up with any original ideas.

In my first day at Ford, the campus employment manager and my mentor took me to visit each floor and introduce me company structure and internship plan. My

department executive also told me what was expected of me. My department held a simple welcome launch for me.

This all helped me to better understand how the company worked and, most importantly, it helped to tackle my nerves. I believe my confidence and academic strengths helped me get the Ford offer. In my interview, I demonstrated my language ability and show my thinking and executive ability especially in my answers about my former internship experience.

Comments from Ford's training and development manager:

In our department meetings interns are invited to take part in the discussions.

Mandy always asked questions in the meeting. She asked intelligent questions that gave her colleagues new ways of looking at the issue. Mandy is a girl of character

and she has a lot of energy. No matter how difficult the task is or how little time she has, Mandy never finds it a problem and just gets on with it.

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This column is open to those who want to improve their English but lack foreign specialized help. We will review the English articles you send to Shirley_chen@ynet.com. Suggestions will be given on how to improve the Chinglish sentences in your articles. All interesting stories are welcomed. Please be sure the article is written in English, around 500 words in total. Please do not forget to include your name and address.

A bookworm in the sleepy city

By Feng Nianhua

I was lucky that I had studied in Vancouver, the "most liveable city" in the world and the site for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

I like Vancouver, not only because of its perfect weather, and beautiful landscape: the blooming cherry blossom on the campus, the sunlight in the Wreck Beach, the falling maple leaves in the Japanese Garden, and the skee on the Grouse Mountain.

However, one of my Canadian friends told once me that he didn't like Vancouver; Vancouver liked a big village without energy as he saw in Toronto, the biggest city in Canada's eastern area. I agree with what he said, at a certain extent.

You may not believe that Vancouver truly likes a sleepy city, if you don't see with your own eyes. What will you see if you go walking in its never-uncrowded streets? There're probably several walkers strolling with their dogs, or many leisure people sipping coffee leisurely, wearing sunglasses under the bright sunlight. You may also wonder that, how do the people dwelling in Vancouver make their living?

Three years ago, I left my family, and also gave up my uncompleted graduate study in China's top university. I became

a foreigner in the city, speaking a not fluent language that might be never as fluent as mandarin. I cared little about what happened in local society. I had only a few close friends there.

But, I found I enjoyed its sleepy atmosphere, which was probably what I needed for my academic research. I had more chances to get along with the nature, with the virgin forest. I got away from the annoying troubles in human relations; "affiliate with no illiteracies, disport and chat with only great Confucians," just as one famous Tang Poetry goes.

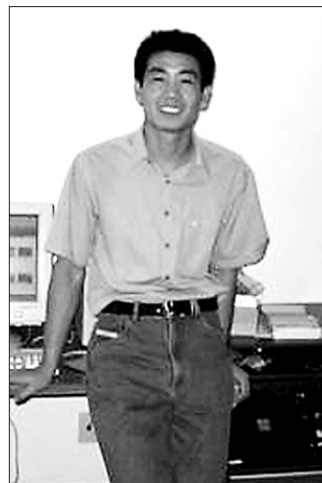
Sometimes, I forgot where I was, was it the very Xanadu the ancients expected to live? I had imagined I was a hermit, realizing a traditional Chinese scholar's dream, to stand aloof from temporal affairs and live in my lonely spiritual world.

However, I'm not, not a hermit. I would rather than a bookworm in the sleepy city. I spent a majority of times reading and studying in Asian Library, around by the most beautiful scenery at UBC, and being collected the most abundant materials on Chinese culture in Canada.

Many people think China is the best place to research Chinese culture. But in my view, a man who is brought up by his native culture

often wishes to see his world from a different perspective. We do need different perspectives, and even criticism sometimes, but not just the self-complacency which might really promote our Chinese's confidence in the world although. We have to know a completed and real world.

As a matter of fact, I enjoyed my role as a bookworm. I believed what I've learned has modernized my research methods and enriched my theoretical background; in a word, skills are ultimately the more valuable part than an academic degree.



Feng Nianhua

► Chinglish on the way

This column aims to identify Chinglish in public areas. If you see some Chinglish signs, please take a picture and send to shirley_chen@ynet.com with your name and address.



Cable car carnage

By Philip Space

For you take cableway safly

1. Prohibit stand swing camiage.
2. Prohibit open door during move.
3. Grievous heart disease patient don't take cableway.
4. Don't take cableway after hard drinking.
5. Don't around truck from camiage.

This sign is littered with basic spelling mistakes, grammatical errors and what appear to be direct translations from Chinese.

In the first line 'For you take cableway safly', the word 'safely' is spelt incorrectly and the sentence structure is muddled. It should be written something like 'To ensure your safety on the cable car, please follow these instructions.'

There is another basic spelling error in the second line. 'Camiage' should be spelt 'carriage'. The word 'prohibit' is used to start two sentences but 'to prohibit' is a verb and should be preceded by a subject. For example, 'Passengers are prohibited from opening the door when the carriage is moving'.

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Please Keep chair on position &
Keep table cleaned after dining.
Thanks for your corporation.

A tidy death

By Philip Space

Please Keep chair on position
& Keep table cleaned after dying.
Thanks for your corporation.

We had to include this sign simply for its morbid hilarity. Just how someone is meant to 'Keep chair on position & Keep table cleaned after dying' is beyond us. Assuming the writer is actually talking about 'dining' instead of 'dying', it would be better to write 'Please tidy up the chairs and clean the table after dining.' Amused incomprehension aside, there are a few errors that should be highlighted. The word 'keep' is incorrectly capped up. A word should only be capped up if it is starting a sentence or is the name of a place, person or title. Finally, the writer presumably meant to write 'Thanks for your cooperation' instead of 'Thanks for your corporation'.

Photos provided by
Purple Haze Restaurant & Bar

(By Chen Shasha)

John Gordon's reply

Dear Feng Nianhua,

Your article is about both your impressions of Vancouver and your thoughts on what a person gains from spending time abroad. I'm sure that our readers find both topics interesting. In what follows, I will point out some changes and corrections that you can use to make your article clearer and more readable.

Let's start with your first sentence. You write, "I was lucky that I had studied in Vancouver..." This sets the tone for your article, and suggests to the reader that you will be talking exclusively about events and feelings from the perspective of a moment in the past. However, your article is about your current reflections on the past, so a better way to start your article would be by writing, "I am lucky to have had studied in Vancouver..."

In the first sentence of your second paragraph you state that you like Vancouver "not only because of its perfect weather, and beautiful landscape: the blooming cherry blossom on the campus...", but this gram-

matical structure is incorrect. You should instead write that you like Vancouver "not only because of its perfect weather and beautiful landscape, but also because of the blooming cherry blossoms..." If you wanted to use a colon (冒号) to express the same idea, you could construct your sentence in the following way: "I like Vancouver for the following reasons: its perfect weather, its beautiful landscape, the blooming cherry blossoms..."

You need to be more careful with your usage of the word "like". You say that "Vancouver liked a big village," when you should instead write, "Vancouver is like a big village". You repeat the same mistake in your third paragraph when you say, "Vancouver truly likes a sleepy city". How would you correct that sentence? In addition, the comma after "sleepy city" is unnecessary.

There are several other places in your essay where you express yourself incorrectly. In paragraph two you write "at a certain extent" when you should write "to a certain extent". In your third

paragraph you write "never-uncrowded" when you mean "never-crowded". Also in your third paragraph, you use "they're" to express "there are". While contractions such as "don't" are common in writing, "they're" is rarely used, so you should write out the full "they are".

Your translation of the line of Tang poetry is difficult to understand. When translating famous quotes such as this one, it is a good idea to reference prior translations. Many Tang poems, for instance, have been translated into English, and you can use the existing translation. Also, you end your reference to the poetry by stating "just as one famous Tang Poetry goes", but poetry is an uncountable noun. You may either say "one famous Tang poem", or "one famous line of Tang poetry".

Finally, I'd like to touch briefly on the entire structure of your article. The two most powerful points of your essay are that viewing Chinese culture from abroad provides a valuable perspective, and that skills are more important than mere degrees, but you save

both of these points until the end of the essay. This is typical of many Chinese students' English essays. The truth is that it is sometimes okay in a non-argumentative essay like yours to hold the main point until the end, but I believe that your essay would be more effective if you at least mentioned or hinted at your main points earlier in the essay.

Thanks for sharing your writing!

Best,

John



John Gordon, from the US, is the vice president of Beijing New Channel School

Friday, June 23

Movie Les Poupees Russes

Xavier and Wendy have to gather all their friends from Barcelona for the wedding of Wendy's brother to a beautiful Russian. Xavier is still looking for the perfect woman.

Where: French Culture Center, 18 Guangcai International Apartment, West Road of Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang.

When: 6pm and 8pm, until June 24

Admission: 10-20 yuan

Tel: 6553 2627

Music An Outdoor Concert



The concert will be held on the drive-in theatre lawn featuring some of Beijing's best alternative rock and punk bands including Rebuilding the Rights of Statues, Subs, Arrows Made of Desire and Lonely China Day.

Where: 2Kolegas Bar, Dongfeng Road, east of Liangmaqiao, Chaoyang
When: 7:30pm
Admission: 40 yuan
Tel: 8196 4820

Exhibition Box with Holes

Installation work by Heine Avdal of Norway, part of Borderline Video Art Festival.

Where: Thinking Hands, South Gate Space, 798 Art District, No 4 Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang.

When: until June 25
Admission: Free
Tel: 6438 2797

Saturday, June 24

Movie The Eye 10



The third installment of the successful Hong Kong horror franchise. A group of friends travel to Thailand, where they are shown a book describing 10 ways to see ghosts.

Where: Box Cafe/ Space In Imagination, Xiwangzhuang Xiaoqu, Shuangqing Lu, Haidian

When: 7:30pm
Admission: Free
Tel: 6279 1280
Mutiny On The Bounty



This blockbuster was made in 1935 and it still reappears almost every year on the Christmas TV schedule. It tells the true tale of a famous mutiny that took place in 1789 on an English ship.

Where: Handsome Cafe, Building 7, Sanlitun Bei Lu, Chaoyang
When: 9pm
Admission: Free

Tel: 6417 8288

Music Yaksa, Cafe-in, UDF Underground DJ Factory and more



A night of hardcore punk for the skater crowd.

Where: Nameless Highland, Building 14, Area 1, Anhuili, Yayuncun, Chaoyang
When: 9:30pm
Admission: 30 yuan
Tel: 6489 1613

Outdoor Night cycle and boat tour



Discover how it feels to cycle through the old hutongs near Houhai at dusk. Have a meal in Houhai and take a boat trip on the lake before cycling back.

Where: Meet at the Cycle China office, 12 Jingshan Dongjie, Dongcheng

When: 6pm
Cost: 180 yuan
Tel: 6402 5653
or 13911886424

Sunday, June 25

Exhibition Wang Jixian and Su Maijie's Exhibition



Wang's surreal, primal vision contrasts with Su's pedestrian realism

Where: Gallery Perif, 798 Dashanzi, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu,

Chaoyang
When: Monday-Saturday 11am-7pm, Sunday 12am-7pm, until September 15
Admission: Free
Website: <http://www.perif.net>

Music Mademoiselle K, a French band with French lyrics

Indie tunes in the same vein as Radiohead or the Pixies, except with female vocals.

Where: Yugong Yishan, 1 Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang



When: 10pm
Admission: Free

Outdoor Phoenix Ridge hike - Beijing Hikers

Where: Hike along ancient trails through forest, past old

temples, springs and high peaks.

When: Leave Lido Starbucks at 8am and return an approximately 4:30pm.

Tel: 13910025516



Stage in July

Performance Wolves and the Sheep



Who: Studio of Pyotr Fomenko
When: July 4-5

Where: Capital Theatre, No. 22 Wangfujing Road, Dongcheng
Admission: 80-500 yuan

The Nutcracker puppet show

Who: The China Puppet Art Troupe

When: July 1-16

Where: China Puppet Theater, Anhuaxili, Chaoyang

Admission: 30-240 yuan
I Can't Decide Now
Who: The Beijing People's Art Troupe
When: July 7-31
Where: Beijing People's Art Theater, 22 Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng
Admission: 60-280 yuan

Music Great Symphony Orchestra Chorus Concert

Who: National Ballet of China Symphony Orchestra and Hong Kong Quartet Society

When: 7:30 pm, July 15
Where: Beijing Concert Hall, 1 Beixinhua Jie, Xicheng
Admission: 60-480 yuan

The Happy Lesson of Piano

Famous Piano Works of the World
Who: Piano Faculty Adviser - Taka-

hashi Masae
When: 7:30 pm, July 21
Where: Beijing Concert Hall, 1 Beixinhua Jie, Xicheng
Admission: 20-100 yuan

Voice of an Angel

Who: The Canadian Columbia Child's Voice Choir
When: July 15-16

Where: Poly Theater, 14 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng
Admission: 50-480 yuan

Army Songs

Who: Army singers including; Nie Jianhua, Dong Yong, Cheng Zhi and Pan Shuzhen.

When: July 31
Where: Beijing Concert Hall, 1 Beixinhua Jie, Xicheng
Admission: 80-680 yuan

(By Qiu Jiaoning)